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Statewide Bottle Hunt is on 50 colored bottles hidden throughout Oregon

On July 2, 1971, Governor Tom McCall signed into law the nation's first bottle and can redemption system, which has helped keep Oregon clean and pretty litter free for 50 years. Not only was it the first, but it remains among the best, with Oregon regularly seeing some of the top redemption and recycling rates in the nation.

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the Bottle Bill, the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC), parent company to BottleDrop, is hosting

a treasure hunt by hiding six commemorative, gold-colored, 50th Anniversary bottles in parks throughout the state.

The six, statewide Hidden Bottle Hunts launched on July 7th and runs through the 11th. OBRC will release one clue per bottle, per day, leading hunters to the final hiding spot.

The lucky winners will get to keep the commemorative bottle and select a BottleDrop nonprofit partner to receive a \$500 donation through BottleDrop's Containers for Change pro-

gram.

Participants can sign up to receive daily clues at the BottleDrop Hidden Bottle Hunt webpage, or can view new clues each day at bottle drop centers. Six separate hunts, geographically dispersed across Oregon, will be conducted simultaneously, with separate clues being released daily for each hunt.

"There's no better way to celebrate the Bottle Bill's 50th birthday than to engage Oregonians in a fun outdoor activity that features the **Bottle hunt - Page 2**



Finding one of these special "Hidden Bottle Hunt" containers could mean a \$500 bonus to a local non-profit like one in the McKenzie Valley area.

Scammers targeting EWEB customers Threats include turning power off within 30 minutes

Over the holiday weekend, Eugene Water & Electric Board reports it has received multiple reports of scam attempts targeting customers. The scammers threaten people by telling them that their electric and/or water services would be shut off if the customer did not submit payment within 30 minutes.

EWEB is reaching out to remind customers to be suspicious of any emails and/or phone calls that claim to be urgent and require immediate action to prevent shut-off of any of their utility services. Officials say that if your account is past due, the utility will attempt to notify you prior to discon-

nection in multiple ways, including via your monthly bill advising the balance is "Due Upon Receipt" and a Final Notice.

"Scammers often use valid-looking phone numbers, graphics, uniforms, and other forms of fraudulent identification," according to Jennifer Connors, EWEB's Communications & Marketing Supervisor. Over the phone, scammers can "spoof" caller ID to make it look like the call is coming from EWEB.

If people receive a call demanding immediate payment to avoid disconnection, or any other suspicious demand, Connors advises they should hang up

and call EWEB Customer Service at 541-685-7000.

To learn more about common scam attempts and how to protect yourself go to: eweb.org/scams.

Luckily, only EWEB customers seem to have been targeted.

Debi Wilson, general manager of the Lane Electric Cooperative said she was aware of any customers reporting they'd been contacted during the scam. "However, it's always a good idea to remind people to beware of anyone calling and asking for a payment, a credit card number, or social security number," Wilson says.

Vandals hit Walterville school's gardens

WALTERVILLE: Started over 20 years ago, the student garden at the Walterville Elementary School has been traditionally tended by the 5th-grade class. This year, when classes resumed after the pandemic restrictions, all six classes were involved in tending the plot behind the building.

Besides the greenery, the garden featured a functional pond with fish and frogs.

"We have six garden beds set up with veggies growing in four of the six and flowers in the other two," notes 5th-grade teacher Jennifer McGehee Gonzales. As the garden coordinator, she's been going out to check on it about two to three times a week.

But in March, during Spring break the site was vandalized. "That time our garden shed was broken to and gone through. And again on July 1st at about 7 to 9 p.m. Both times our pond was targeted, this time with them putting soap in it and then completely draining it," Gonzales reports. "We lost some fish and frogs both times. They have broken and destroyed growing veggies and garden tools."



A pond at the Walterville School's student garden was damaged by vandals over the weekend.

Other evidence includes smashed ornaments that decorated the garden and a broken handwashing station with its contents scattered about that was owned by the district.

At this point, no one has reported seeing any

suspects on the scene or exactly when it might have happened.

"We have been locking the garden but they jumped the fence to get in." Gonzales said "They broke some fence boards doing so **School's gardens - Page 2**

Wildfire models predict less lightning-caused blazes

Average size of fires expected to increase

Human-caused wildfire ignitions in Oregon are expected to remain steady over the next four decades and lightning-caused ignitions are expected to decline, but the average size of a blaze from either cause is expected to rise, Oregon State University modeling suggests.

Scientists including Meg Krawchuk of the OSU College of Forestry and former OSU research associate Ana Barros, now of the Washington Department of Natural Resources, say the findings can help local decision-makers understand how a changing climate

might affect natural and human-caused fire regimes differently and inform fire staffing, preparedness, prevention and restrictions.

"The significance of these results lies in what we can collectively do about it as a society and in our individual actions," Barros said. "For lightning-ignited fires, depending on where and when they happen, it can be an opportunity. Where safe for firefighters, communities and highly valued resources, we can use these ignitions to accomplish important forest restoration work."

Findings of the study,

"Contrasting the role of human- and lightning-caused wildfires on future fire regimes on a Central Oregon landscape," which involved 3.3 million hectares on the east slope of the Cascade Range, were published in Environmental Research Letters.

"In the United States, two-thirds of the area burned by wildfires is from fires started by lightning, but human-caused blazes make fire seasons longer and result in fires reaching areas where they wouldn't naturally occur," said Krawchuk, a fire ecologist who

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Letters to the Editor

Moving forward

As many of you know the Upper McKenzie Community Center hosted the relief center, our version of a free community store, just after the Holiday Farm fire last September until March, helping our neighbors who had suffered so much get through the winter. Now that the winter weather threat is over, the library is currently setting up operations and will be opening in July – we are so excited to have them!

The annual members meeting was held earlier in June and resulted in a vote to change the non-profit status type from a 501(c)7 to a 501(c)3 which will allow us to take larger donations and they will be tax deductible. This change will allow us to collect funds for the necessary repairs this beloved building desperately needs. The board members were voted in and I was elected to be board President of the UMCC, an honor to be of service and help move us forward.

There is still plenty of room for events let us know if you need to use the space. On that note, the Ice Cream Social is back, coming in August and volunteers are needed. Reach us at UMCCevents@gmail.com. I'll see you there!

Best Regards,
John Carlile
UMCC President

Thanks for Buch

At midnight on Labor Day, I

joined a caravan evacuating the Holiday Farm wildfire which destroyed more than 500 homes and devastated 174,000 acres. Our lives were forever changed that night, never to be the same. Yet, the incredible support from others has made a huge difference. We are on Recovery Road and wouldn't be this far along without the help of too many to list here.

Nonetheless, one person stands out, Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch. As the ash smoldered, and the highway choked with fallen and falling trees, she has been with us. Comforting survivors, helping displaced families, and cajoling, convincing, and cooperating to find the resources to get us back on our feet. Focused like a laser, Heather is more about doing the work than talking about it. Advocating at every level of government, and with the non-profit and private sectors, Heather delivers in ways no other could.

This is the type of leader Heather is, prioritizing constituent needs and the public interest ahead of her own. Commissioner Buch is a strong, powerful, woman who serves instead of expecting to be served. She makes a big difference for the McKenzie, and for that she has my sincerest thanks.

Tim Laue
Blue River



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oversees the College of Forestry's Landscape Fire and Conservation Science lab group. "People are the primary cause of large fires in both the eastern and western U.S., and while climate is the primary driver of how much area burns, the human footprint is a close second."

Wildfire is casting an increasingly large shadow globally, including in the American West, as the climate continues to become warmer and drier. Eight of the 10 largest California wildfires on record have occurred in the last seven years, and in 2020, multiple huge fires tore through the west side of the Cascade Range in Oregon, consuming more than 1 million acres.

Barros notes that in the lower 48 U.S. states, 29 million people live where there is potential for extreme wildfire, including 12 million considered "socially vulnerable."

"Census tracts that are majority Black, Hispanic or Native American are associated with the greatest vulnerability to wildfire," she said. "That means climate change is expected to exacerbate social inequalities unless ecosystems and communities do a good job of adapting to a changing climate and more fires in an equitable way."

Barros, Krawchuk, OSU faculty research assistant Rachel Houtman and collaborators from the U.S. Forest Service and the University of California, Merced looked at ignition data for the study area from 1992 through 2015. There were more than 15,000 ignitions, most of which did not result in a big blaze. Just 400 of the ignitions ended up burning an area greater than 10 hectares, but those fires accounted for 99% of the area that burned.

Melding those data with multiple global climate projections, the scientists developed statistical models for when and where fires

could potentially occur between 2031 and 2060, and how much area they would burn, for lightning- and human-caused ignitions. The models included predictions for the number of fires and the frequency of extreme wildfire events, or EWEs.

The models, which include a metric for daily fuel dryness known as energy release component or ERC, predicted no significant change in the number of human-caused fire ignitions and a 14% reduction in lightning-caused ignitions, with the number of lightning fires per season burning more than 10 hectares staying about the same.

But mean fire sizes were 31% larger for fires caused by humans and 22% bigger for fires caused by lightning; predicted increases in area burned were driven by increases in mean fire size resulting from more extreme wildfire events.

"All but one of the climate models we considered projected increased frequency of record-breaking events, with the largest future fires being about twice as big as those of the contemporary period," Barros said.

The scientists note that historically, lightning ignitions in Central Oregon have been more likely on days with moderate fuel dryness and less likely on days with higher ERC. That's possibly

because in the region, lightning-caused fires tend to happen after light precipitation such as that from cold fronts that can cause ERC to drop.

"When it comes to human-caused fires, the key word is prevention because any ignition can become that record-breaking event," Barros said. "The takeaway here is that large fires are coming our way. What we do about it between now and then will determine our success in mitigating negative consequences and even accomplish positive outcomes."

Collaborating with Krawchuk and Barros were Michelle Day, Alan Ager and Haiganoush Preisler of the Forest Service and John Abatzoglou of the University of California, Merced.

"Extreme wildfires are increasingly becoming a reality in many parts of the world, but how we respond to these fires and how we prevent them depends on a lot on how they start," Day said. "In our study we showed that historical records for fire size will continue to be broken. And the timing of these fires will differ depending on cause, with more human-caused ignitions happening in late summer and fall."

The National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture supported this research.

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as well." "It is very sad because this garden is a great learning space for our students," according to Gonzales. "They love learning out there. I hope we find out who is doing this."

People who might have some leads on who might be involved

can report crime information occurring in unincorporated Lane County directly to the Lane County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center at 541-682-4150, option 1, or the Tip line at 541-682-4167. A confidential email. can be sent to: LCSOCONF@lanecountyor.gov

Bottle Hunt

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special places it helps keep litter-free," said Eric Chambers, external relations director for OBRC, the not-for-profit cooperative that serves as the operational steward of the Bottle Bill.

"Our Hidden Bottle Hunts will be fun for individuals and families, connect closely with the

Bottle Bill's mission of protecting public spaces, and best of all, the winners get to 'redeem' their bottle for a nice donation to one of 4,000 participating nonprofits serving communities across Oregon," Chambers added.

To sign up for the search, go to: tinyurl.com/2crhc7b5

Letters to the Editor



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WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM				READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE					
Date	High	Low	Rain Releases	Date	High	Low	Riverflow		
6/29	102	63	0	460 cfs	6/29	104	56	0	3,700 cfs
6/30	93	59	0	460 cfs	6/30	89	60	0	3,030 cfs
7/1	91	63	0	460 cfs	7/1	71	61	0	2,560 cfs
7/2	95	58	0	460 cfs	7/2	76	59	0	2,310 cfs
7/3	100	57	0	460 cfs	7/3	90	54	0	2,170 cfs
7/4	97	56	0	460 cfs	7/4	94	54	0	2,170 cfs
7/5	101	54	0	460 cfs	7/5	92	52	0	2,240 cfs

Sheriff's Report

June 28: 2:13 pm: Suspicious Conditions - 35200 block, Camp Creek Rd. The occupants of a tan Chevrolet Malibu parked in the parking lot of an area business. They exited the vehicle with open alcohol containers and walked possibly down to the river.

June 29: 12:27 p.m.: Suspicious Conditions - 45800 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller reported that an ex-boyfriend uses drugs and texted threats of physical harm.

2:13 p.m.: Fraud - 44900 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller reported an incident involving a moving company. Deputies made contact and determined the issue to be civil in nature.

July 1: 10:52 a.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Carson St. Deputies responded to the report of a dispute between family members. No crime was determined to have occurred and both parties were separated.

3:41 p.m.: Assist Outside Agency - 89700 block, Johnson Creek Rd.

4:14 p.m.: Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - 89000 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.

5:31 p.m.: Burglary - 91000 blk, Hill Rd. Caller came home to find their back door open. Undisclosed property was stolen from inside.

July 2: 12:14 a.m.: Suspicious Conditions - 88500 blk, East of Eden Rd.

10:51 a.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - 88500 blk, East of Eden Rd.

12:11 p.m.: Citizen Contact - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:35 p.m.: Suspicious Conditions - 38900 blk, Hendricks Park Rd.

1:57 p.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - 38900 blk, Hendricks Park Rd.

2:38 p.m.: Civil Standby - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.

2:46 p.m.: 55700 blk, McK.

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State Police Report

June 28: 13:49: Warrant Arrest - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd. Watched a subject throw his garbage on the ground and prepare to leave in his vehicle. Contacted the subject and discovered he had a warrant for his arrest. The Failure

To Appear warrant was confirmed, and the subject was arrested and transported to the Lane County Jail and lodged without incident.

July 3: 20:30: Warrant Arrest - McK. View Dr, Milepost 2. Contacted the subject on an angler contact. Did a routine check for wants and learned he had a warrant out of Douglas County. Confirmed the warrant and provided court date/time from Douglas County. Issued the subject a criminal citation for Possession of Methamphetamine warrant in lieu of custody with provided court date/time. Involved: gray Honda Accord, 44-year-old male from Springfield.

July 5: 20:01: Fish & Wildlife, Angling. An angling complaint was reported to OSP reporting males in a blue boat snagging salmon. The males were contacted at the Greenwood Boat Ramp. One male was found to have caught and kept a wild Chinook salmon and had mutilated it prior to arriving at the boat ramp. The male was also found to have warrants for failure to appear on charges of DUII and DWS-M. He was taken into custody and lodged at LCJ. He was cited for possession of a mutilated fish and possession of a wild salmon. The salmon and eggs were seized as evidence. Involved: 21-year-old male.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

June 28: 14:46: 7000 block, Thurston Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

16:59: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Brush Fire. Fire Extinguished.

June 29: 15:31: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal.

16:45: Deschutes County Brush Fire Mutual Aid., Lane County Task Force to assist Redmond Fire.

June 30: 9:21: 87000 blk, Lupe Lane Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

14:34: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

16:57: 38000 blk, MJ Chase Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

17:07: 88000 blk, Keola Lane Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal

17:37: McK. Hwy./Holden Creek Ln. Electrical Problem. EWEB contacted, stated the arcing was normal.

July 1: 19:38: 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

July 2: 17:12: 35000 blk,

Camp Creek Rd. MVA Unknown Injury.

20:57: 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Road Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

July 3: 11:45: 57000 blk, Drury Lane. Water Rescue. Cancelled en route.

July 4: 16:08: Gemstone Rd./Camp Creek Rd. Brush Fire. Fire Extinguished.

16:28: McK. Acres/Lone Fir Rd. Smoke Scare. Smoke from other incident.

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

June 29: 11:49: Medical - 91000 block, McCauley St. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

July 1: 20:36: 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

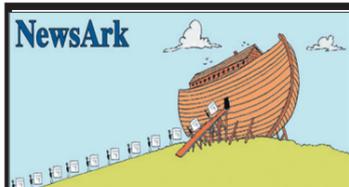
July 3: 08:55: 57000 blk, North Bank Rd. Exposure - Male was in water for approx. 1 hour.

11:20: Water Rescue - 57000 blk, Drury Ln. Raft hung up on snag in water - unknown number of people on raft.

19:25: Brush Fire - 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Fire starting at end of driveway.

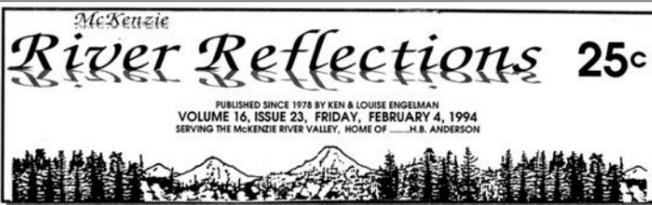
21:16: Medical - 88000 blk, Aufderheide Dr. Patient was lying on the ground in pain.

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Best Chili Contest Joins The Olympics
Vida Man Files \$100,000 Claim
Says False Charge Destroyed His Life

In its fourth year, the famous McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District annual chili contest went to the Olympics. What began as a function to encourage more social contact between members of the department, it has now taken on the importance of Olympic style medals for winning chili cookers. Each nation picks a judge for the event and as pots of chili begin arriving they eagerly await the time to lift the lid and dig into the aromatic mixtures. This year's winners, pictured above, are: Bronze medal, far left, Jennie McMillen; Silver medal, far left, Tammy Coleman; Gold medal, center, Vicki Tack.

Home Firewood Heaters
Running On Empty
Cutbacks On Timber Harvests Reaches The Hearth

Frazier Says No To Re-election Bid
Voters Cast Ballots In May Primary

People who heat with firewood in the McKenzie Valley are sure likely to have exhaust than wood in their sheds this year. Many are turning to burning scrap lumber instead.

People looking for firewood to use in the National Forest are being told to put their name on a list. "When a list is first come, first served." According to Mike Godfrey of the McKenzie Ranger District, the Forest Service is doing its best to allow people a chance to cut wood for home heating, but supplies have just about run out.

Presently, people looking for firewood are encouraged to go in the woods and locate a "danger zone" that poses the risk of falling trees. As opportunities arise, people will be called to see if they are interested in a particular tree. If they want their name gone to the bottom of the list.

"There aren't many timber sales anymore," Godfrey said. "When a unit is cut, loggers take everything they can."

People interested in getting on the firewood cutting list can drop by the Ranger station or call 823-3381.

Frazier is a former state senator and member of the Crowell City Council.

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Buck Rogers-style police boat didn't work out for Portland

By Finn J.D. John

On the morning of April 23, 1936, the city of Portland was proudly preparing to launch its new harbor patrol boat, the Jack Luihn.

It was going to be a big deal. Mayor LaGuardia of New York City was in town, and had been invited to come to the event. And the boat itself was truly revolutionary.

Oregon's own wizardly inventor

The Jack Luihn was the brain-child of one Victor Wiegand Strode, an inventor with a remarkable flair. Looking back on the historical record, the picture one gets is reminiscent of the early life of Howard Hughes.

Born in the mid-1890s, he had graduated from Harvard by the time World War I broke out; when it did, he joined up, and got trained in radio and signaling work.

After the war, he got a position heading up the aeronautical school at Portland's Hill Military Academy (image that: A high school with an aeronautical elective!) and later organized the Portland Airplane Corps.

By 1936, Strode was already well known as a prolific inventor. By the time of his death at age 50 in 1944, he'd invented a primer valve, a vacuum preventer, a sleek tri-motor aircraft design — and a boat.

If Buck Rogers had a speedboat ...

This boat: It was quite possibly the highlight of Strode's inventing career, although other projects surely made him more money. To create it, he had teamed up with aeronautical engineer Fred



Popular Science Magazine archives Oregon inventor Victor Strode's revolutionary boat, the "aerohydrocraft," made the cover of Popular Science in March 1933.

Jones, another Portlander, who had helped design DeHaviland airplanes during World War I. And this boat was like nothing anyone had ever seen before.

The basic idea was to take an eight-foot-wide section of airfoil; drop a propeller through the bilge on a 90-degree gear, like a modern outboard motor; and put enough power through that propeller to

allow the airfoil to pick the boat up off the surface of the water.

That's right: it would literally fly above the water's surface, with the only part of the boat touching the water being the propeller and shaft.

For stability, the boat would be made of four different thicknesses of wing sections — with the fattest in the center, forming

the fuselage, and the other three stepping outward, so that drag would be balanced.

Strode had patented the design in 1933. At the time, he'd envisioned it having a variety of uses, especially low-drag pontoons for seaplanes, but almost immediately he set about trying to make a boat out of it. He dubbed it the "Aerohydrocraft."

Experiment was a success

Down in Coos Bay, Strode commissioned the construction of a prototype — a single-seater with an open cockpit. The power plant was a stock Ford V-8 flathead auto engine, putting down 55 horsepower. According to an article in Popular Science, the single-seater reached speeds of 70 miles an hour.

"It behaves like an ordinary craft until it attains a speed of 45 miles per hour," the article notes. "At this velocity, which corresponds to the taking-off speed of an airplane, an abrupt change occurs. The pilot can feel the boat rise from the water as the fins take hold on the air. Only the propeller beneath the hull remains in the water where its full thrust is effective."

Fresh from this success, the following year Strode applied for and got funding from the federal government's Depression-era State Emergency Relief Agency jobs program to build a bigger version of his prototype — a high-speed ambulance boat for the Portland harbor.

Introducing the ambulance boat

A year and a half later, the boat was there, finished, ready to launch. It was considerably bigger than the open-cockpit prototype — 24 feet long from tip to tail. In the fuselage, there was a tight cockpit with seating for two people; behind them, there was an ambulance bay, with accommodations for two patients on stretchers.

And on that spring day, at the **Buck-Rogers style - Page 8**



By Slim Randles

Mrs. Doc brought them some ice cream, but Doc and Charles weren't that interested. Charles is Doc's six-year-old grandson, and both Doc and Mrs. Doc have found it fascinating to view the world, after having been around so many years, through the fresh eyes and wonderment of a youngster.

But turning down ice cream? Doc had to chuckle, because he didn't even know that was possible. But the remote-controlled toy wouldn't be denied. As Doc watched, Charles turned switches and pushed buttons and the mysterious machine changed form. It became a monster instead of a race car and walked over to scare the sleeping cat.

When the laughter finally died down, they both agreed it was worth it. Then the monster became a race car once again and shot across the floor and had a head-on collision with the leg of the couch. Charles expertly backed it away.

"You want to drive it a while, Grandpa?"

"No thanks," Doc said. "I couldn't drive it as good as you can."

And Doc knew that was true, even though Doc had been driving a car since the invention of stop signs, and Charles couldn't do that yet. But Charles, a coming first grader, held power in his hands. Someday he'd be driving a car, and Doc hoped the remote car's lessons for safety and fun would carry on through the years to come. A guy needs to be in charge every now and then.

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O'Brien Library to be back in operation
Opening Celebration set for July 8th

RAINBOW: Readers and library supporters are invited for a ceremony when the ribbon for a temporary replacement for the O'Brien Memorial Library is cut on July 8th, at 1 p.m. People are invited for a tour of the newly re-modeled space, and sample light refreshments.

There will also be opportunities to choose from extra books to keep, check out other volumes from the library and learn how to use the computers to access books for personal use or making copies. Organizers say there will be a small bag of new books for the treasure hunt for all.

The temporary library is located inside the Upper McKenzie Community Center at 54745 McKenzie River Drive in Rainbow. It will be open every Monday and Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m., and on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

A Children's Summer Story Hour for babies through preschoolers will be held every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., when accompanied by parents or caregivers.

There's more information at obrienlibrary.org where people can email with questions or suggestions.

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

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Invasive jumping worms leap into Oregon

Jumping worms, a not-so-nice pest that arrived in the United States in the 1920s as fishing bait and as hitchhikers on imported plants and soils, have vaulted into gardens and nurseries up and down the Willamette Valley corridor.

Unlike beneficial earthworms and nightcrawlers that burrow deep tunnels in the soil, aerating and releasing nutrients as they go, jumping worms stay in the debris on top and eat two to three times the amount of leaf litter as the other worms, according to Sam Chan, Oregon State University Sea Grant Extension watershed health and aquatic invasive species specialist.

Jumping worms, which are native to many parts of Asia, are easily identified by their violent thrashing, slithering and actual jumping in the air. They are smooth, glossy gray or brown and 1.5 to 8 inches long. A clear indication is the clitellum (band), which is milky white to gray-colored, smooth and completely encircles the body of the worm. In contrast, the clitellum of common earthworms is raised rather than smooth and does not wrap entirely around the worm.

Because they have very large mouths akin to mechanical excavators, jumping worms are able to grasp and consume large amounts. With their voracious appetite, they outcompete the native microbial organisms and invertebrates that other organisms feed on. Their propensity to eat all the litter creates bare soil where

invasive plants and animals move in, altering native ecosystems. They also remove the mulch that helps cool the soil and conserve moisture.

Further, the castings – or fecal material – of most worms contain extremely important microbes that help fight soil-borne plant diseases and repel insects. Worm castings also improve soil structure by diversifying the size of soil particles, which enhances moisture penetration and increases water retention. With jumping worms, the outcome is the opposite. Since their gut biome is slightly different, there aren't the same beneficial results.

"What they are casting out doesn't absorb moisture well so you end up losing porosity, which affects the overall structure of the soil," Chan said. "Initially wet and gummy, the castings quickly dry into hard granules that are difficult to rewet, not the best medium for growing plants."

The changes to soil structure and composition caused by the worm castings can attract certain unwanted microbes, which creates an increased susceptibility to disease and can cause girdled roots. Plant stems and roots at the surface of the soil may become exposed to more environmental extremes from the loss of litter and decomposed organic matter and changes to soil structure.

It's difficult to put numbers to the amount of jumping worms in Oregon, Chan said. The first – an *Amyntas gracilis* – was found in 2016 in Grants Pass, where it was passed along through compost. Another species – *Amyntas agrestis* – has landed in at least

six counties, from Pendleton in the east and to the I-5 corridor down to Roseburg, all on major transportation routes. Most likely they arrived as tiny cocoons in plants, soil, mulch and tire treads from the East Coast, where they do extensive damage to forests. Gardens suffer, too.

Since they are both female and male, jumping worms have no trouble reproducing. They burrow into the soil and lay tiny cocoons with two or three embryos inside. The cocoons hatch in spring, begin feeding, grow rapidly into adults and die in winter after laying more cocoons. The next spring, it starts over again.

Jumping worms have been outlawed in many states, but not all, and can still be found online for fishing. Chan advises to be careful not to purchase jumping worms, also known as crazy worm, Asian jumping worm and snake worm, and to spread the word about their danger. Many people – even those who sell them – aren't aware of their invasiveness.

"Jumping worms are probably here to stay," Chan said. "We want to minimize their spread. You won't want them to get established in your garden. I sure don't want them in my garden. Escaped worms, releasing leftover bait worms and unknowingly spreading them through plant materials and soils can have serious negative impacts to native and planted landscapes."

To help decrease the spread of jumping worms, shake off the roots of plants when sharing or buying at a private plant sale. Buy bareroot plants when possible. Never share compost, mulch, soil or plants that contain a known infestation.

Nurseries are being careful, but it's still a good practice to inspect the soil for cocoons when you transplant. If you find jumping worms in your garden, they will probably be in pockets rather than the whole garden. Brush off your shoes and equipment when you move from place to place in an effort to keep them from spreading. If they are in contained spaces, you can spread plastic to heat the soil. Once it reaches 104 degrees F, the cocoons die.

If you find jumping worms, report it to the Oregon Invasive Species Council's hotline 866-INVADER (268-9219) or online.

For more information, see this publication on jumping worm identification and resources and this article on how to avoid spreading invasive species in plant sales or swaps. A video shows the jumping worm's large mouth.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



HOMEMADE LEMONADE MEMORIES

I grew up on a farm; long enough ago that soda pop was a rare treat. So Mother made our beverage refreshments. These consisted of iced tea, lemonade, and mint tea. Sometimes she combined the tea and lemon juice, then added a spring of mint. The mint grew along the brook that ran behind our farmhouse and across the pasture. Mother assigned us children the task of picking mint she steeped in the hot tea.

Mother's Lemonade Memories After Mother developed Alzheimer's, she still enjoyed iced tea and lemonade as her afternoon summer beverage at home and later at the nursing home. When she'd take a sip and smile, I liked to think these beverages gave her pleasure in her Alzheimer's world. Perhaps she was back in time to the days her children gathered mint leaves and carried them to her in tightly clenched hands, "Here, Mama. Make us mint tea today!"

Then they crowded around the kitchen table and shared mint tea or lemonade with cookies Mother had baked that day. Or the iced drinks might be ready when we came in from the hay field, a refreshing moment midst hot work on a summer day.

Haymaker's Switchel Old time haymakers took a

drink called switchel to the hay field with them. (No, I'm not that old! We didn't have it when I was a child.) Switchel was made with vinegar and water along with brown sugar or molasses added. Occasionally the recipe called for one half teaspoon of ginger to two quarts of water.

According to stories, most farmers drank it plain, but occasionally some were known to add a bit of brandy or hard cider. Supposedly, this helped them get the hay to the barn "in half the time."

Grape Orange Punch - Mix together 3 cans (6 oz.) frozen concentrated grape juice, 3 cans (6 oz.) frozen concentrated orange juice, 9 cups cold water. Just before serving, add 2 liters cold soda (ginger ale or lemon/lime). Garnish with mint leaves and quartered orange slices if serving in a punch bowl.

You can mix the juices and water. Then pour into individual glasses with soda as needed.

Icy Banana Shake - In a blender, mix together until smooth - 3 ice cubes, 3/4-cup milk, 1-tablespoon sugar, 1/2-teaspoon vanilla, 1 ripe banana. You also can add other fruit, if desired.

Would you like to share your summertime memories?

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(Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH home.)

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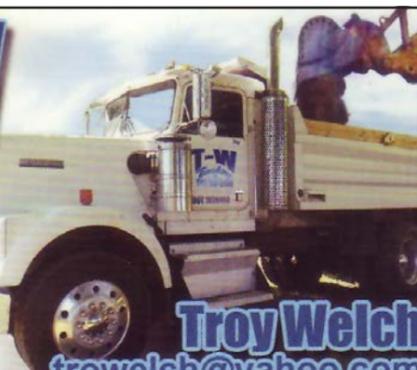
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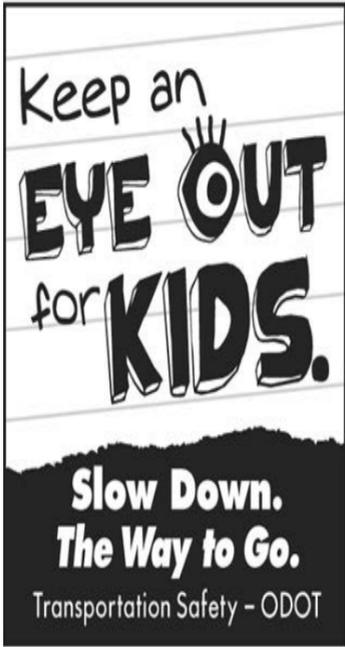
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Sheriff's Report

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Hwy. Assist Outside Agency - 55700 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:14 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

July 3: 2:40 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & Hayden Bridge Rd.

3:14 p.m: Assist Outside Agency - Proxy Falls trailhead.

5:47 p.m: Assist, Information - Lat: 44.07750555 Long: - 122.849536.

11:50 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 88500 blk, East of

Eden Rd. Caller reported being chased by a known male. Deputies responded and conducted a welfare check on the involved.

July 5: 1:00 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 88500 blk, East of Eden Rd.

10:42 a.m: Found Property - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:44 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. & Donna Rd.

6:30 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

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

Community Notes

July 10 McKenzie River Treasures Community Market



10am-3pm. A new Saturday market is meant to help local businesses and showcase all the wonderful things the McKenzie Valley has to offer. The new "McKenzie River Treasures" market will take place on alternating sites. This week at Iron Forest, 49687 McKenzie Hwy, near Finn Rock. (with vendor setup starting at 8am)

July 10 - Aug 14 Summer Reading at Leaburg Library



10am - Noon. Leaburg Library is once again holding a summer reading program that is open to all children from preschoolers to 6th graders. Kids and their families will do this together at home, with weekly check-ins at the library. At the end of each week, the child will return to the library, post his or her project on the "Making A Difference Wall" in the hallway, record your reading goal progress, and pick up another bag with book, activity pages and project ideas for the next week. For more information call Marty at 541-896-3817.

July 10 Drive Thru BINGO



It's not too late to sign up for drive-thru bingo event. The Vida McKenzie Community Center is holding a family friendly BINGO Drive-Thru fundraiser on July 10th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Entry is only \$25 per person and includes one Bingo card (but people can buy more at \$5/card) free admission to the Lavender Bloom Festival, a fabulous lunch prepared by Vinnie's Smoke'in BBQ and live music.

Sign up in advance at www.vidacommunitycenter.com. On 7/10 drive to Patsy's Stage Stop Restaurant in Cedar Flat to check in between 11 a.m. and 12:30p.m, obtain Bingo card(s), pick up a "goodie bag" complete with a map of all 8 stops. Bingo cards will be marked with the first 2 randomly drawn numbers. From there, proceed to each of the stops along the McKenzie Highway. Friendly volunteers will continue to mark cards with two numbers. The last stop is the McKenzie Community Track, where participants will be

treated to a lunch and live music. At 2:45p.m. the final numbers will be called and the winner of a drift down the McKenzie will be the person holding the card that comes closest to a "regular" Bingo.

July 3 - A Dime At A Time



10am - 12pm. Leaburg Store, 42840 McKenzie Hwy. Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting - Saturday morning sorting sessions every Saturday. Donations can be dropped off at the Leaburg Store and maybe help us bag up the containers.

July 12 Springfield School Board Meeting



7 - 8:30 pm. 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. Schools Administration Building, 640 A Street, Springfield.

July 15 - Leaburg Food Pantry



11am - 5pm. McKenzie Bible Fellowship, 45061 McKen-zie Hwy. The Food Pantry is now on Saturdays. All are welcome! Please send folks!

Fish hatcheries open again for visitors



Outdoor areas at ODFW's more than 30 fish hatcheries are back open for visitors. The hatcheries closed to visitors in March 2020 due to the pandemic. Some areas of hatcheries will remain closed for now including picnic areas, drinking fountains, indoor areas and any outdoor areas with close quarters that don't allow for social distancing. They will also remain closed to scheduled tours and large group visits for now.

A few hatcheries remain closed to visitors for other reasons, including Klamath Hatchery in Chiloquin and Rock Creek in Idleyld Park which were damaged in last year's fires. Trask River Hatchery in Tillamook is also closed to visitors due to construction but should reopen later in summer.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

The Foibles of Money

I am a career banker with a nice little sideline as an investor. My style is not high risk with bitcoins, penny stocks, and the like. I try to buy the best companies when they temporarily stumble.

I try to advise others. When my aunt would call and ask, "What do you have for me, son?" I was able to help her make some money.

I have not had results that were as good with my best friend. I was helping him run some money, and at the one-year mark, he had a 95% return; \$8,000 turned into \$15,600. His portfolio was doing better than mine on a percentage basis, because he was far more aggressive and less risk averse than me.

Even so, we could have done better if he had listened to me.

The thing is I advised him to sell one position, or at least one part of it, in which he had a big gain. He and his wife love the industry and she would not let him. This stock is down.

One stock he bought without us talking, and another he bought against my advice. Now, the \$15,600 is down to \$13,800. At one time, he was holding cash from a stock sold for a gain. I said sit tight until we find a bargain, but that cash was burning a hole in his pocket. Why?

I advised my younger cousin to buy a pot stock that I have a huge gain in. He researched the industry, and told me he bought another one just like mine. But he lost his ass on the one that was "like mine". Why?

It reminds me of an old episode of The Mary Tyler Moore Show (showing my age here). Lou Grant was losing on football bets with his

bookie. Then, he began winning using Ted Baxter's system but it wasn't any fun anymore.

Lou then bet his entire bankroll on the Super Bowl, even though Ted's system did not allow for any bet on the Super Bowl. Lou lost but was happy. It was fun again.

What part of human nature is this? Is it just a guy thing, because my aunt did not have it?

Cameron

A Cameron, let's talk about your aunt first. Her attitude is, "Money is good, it makes my life more secure, and listening to Cameron is way easier than laying bricks for a living." She doesn't care if she is betting on the guy with the hot hand or betting on a guy smarter than the rest. She just wants the money.

We would call her a realist.

Then there are your cousin and your best friend. We have a general comment about them. When you realize people usually act from their most base nature, it becomes easier to understand their behavior.

Your cousin wants a sense of mastery. He wants to control something. Investing successfully will give him that feeling, the feeling of a do-it-yourself project done well.

He's also troubled by FOMO, the fear of missing out.

"Cameron had fantastic success betting on a Canadian marijuana stock. How hard can it be? The sector is booming. I don't need due diligence. I simply need to throw my hat in the ring so I don't miss out.

"But I want my own pick, so when I get my big win, it isn't due to Cameron."

In addition, if he felt you were

bragging, he feels envy (he wants to possess what you possess), threatened (my mastery is in doubt), and competition (I'll show that smarty pants Cameron).

Then there's your best friend; money burns a hole in his pocket. That sounds like the itch of the gambler. It's the excitement! Your friend and his wife "have a good feeling" about an industry, the way some people have a good feeling about "sectors" in a casino. They prefer poker to blackjack or craps to slots.

Much of their preference is simply good, old-fashioned greed. They want to take advantage of your advice, but they still want more. However, your best friend and his wife haven't made any money yet. Their chips are still on the table. It won't be money until they cash out.

And honestly, if you examine your own motives, you feel possessive about their winnings, as if they are losing your winnings. What would you like? You'd like your little ducklings to follow you and thank you for their success.

People are funny about money. Some are more likely to tell you about their sexual life than about how much money they make. When it involves money...money often doesn't have a bonding effect on relationships, it has a breaking the bond effect.

What's in it for others in giving you credit? For most people, the answer is nothing. Your guidance becomes their savvy decision to invest their money.

That goes back to our first premise. When you realize people usually act from their most base nature, it becomes easier to understand human behavior.

Wayne & Tamara

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American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

It is reassuring to know that other dog-owners struggle with the strange way in which we project our humanity on animals and ignore the implications of such an "unnatural" act. Nikki Wallschlaeger's new collection *Waterbaby* is packed with such familiar conundrums.

All Dogs Go to Heaven

By Nikki Wallschlaeger

Beloved, we call you brave hoping the limit for human reign is terminal, your rehabilitation to be dangerously free. Inside your paws longings twinge while you sleep. I awake because you are newborn, a terrifying responsibility I'll be human to you, lead you on a leash, hate myself for it, holler when you run down the road when I let you go. The truth is I love watching you trot away

from me: you look like yourself, whoever that is, natural dog engaging in an unnatural world making stops to rebury your bones, doing what dogs are allowed to do, without me.

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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19:24: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Vehicle Fire. Fire Extinguished prior to arrival.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting the Monday; July 19th, at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy.



Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

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July 4: 15:07: Medical – Old McK. Hwy./Milepost 64, 1 mile up the trailhead. Subject has cut their leg badly.

21:08: Medical – 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

July 5: 13:58: Medical – 57000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

19:40: Illegal Burn – 91000 blk, Marbrook Ln. Subjects with campfire, no water or anything seen nearby.

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**A Moment
in Oregon
History**

By Rick Steber (www.rick-steber.com)

July 8 - The Oregon Trail, a 2,000-mile route extending from Missouri to the Pacific Northwest, followed the path of least resistance. In actuality, the route was a series of buffalo trails, game trails and Indian trails that had been first traversed in 1812 by members of the Astor Expedition returning to Saint Louis. Fur trappers, explorers and missionaries followed this loosely defined route until, in the early 1840s, caravans of wagons wore a roadway from Missouri to the Willamette Valley. It has been estimated that a quarter-of-a-million people traveled the Oregon Trail, and that nearly one out of every ten died along the way.

**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: Clear Lake - 2,900 (plus 250 trophy fish) and Leaburg Lake - 1,050.

Fish Counts

June 30, Willamette Falls
Spring Chinook - 24,368
Summer Steelhead - 1,339

Quote of the Week

"You're never too old to learn something that's stupid."
Anonymous

**WHATEVER YOUR MODE
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Buck Rogers-style

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Looking a bit like a parade float built around an old Fiat, the brand-new patrol boat is launched in the Willamette in 1935. This might actually be a photo from its launching and christening ceremony.

foot of Stark Street where a few dozen years earlier the ferry used to land, a group of city notables was there to launch what they surely believed was the future of high-speed motorboating.

Inventor Strode was there with his wife, Ruth, who was going to do the honors of christening the sleek-looking plywood beauty. The Morning Oregonian had given the project plenty of publicity, including a couple pictures. Factories along the waterfront were ready to welcome the new boat with whistle blasts.

Into the water went the big aerohydrocraft
So — was it a success?

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The answer seems to be a pretty firm "no." However, its failure must have involved some embarrassing details, because there is simply nothing more about it in the Oregonian — until six months later, in January 1937, when a "year in review" article mentions that it was "noisily christened and then quietly retired from public view."

Just seven days later, a three-inch-long article buried deep in Page 11 announced that the City Council had voted to officially release any interest in it.

"For some time the boat has been out of service," the article

read, "but it was said the boat might be salvaged if title were transferred to Mr. Strode."

What happened?

There may be some details to be gleaned from the biography of Victor Strode, which his wife, Ruth — who later became a writer for the Oregonian, by the way — penned after his death. The only copy of that biography is in the archives of the Oregon Historical Society. Also, there may be Portlanders who remember what happened to the boat; after all, this was only 75 years ago.

But some educated guesses can be made, based on the laws of physics, as to why the aerohydrocraft didn't work out for Portland.

At speed, this boat would be essentially hovering over the surface of the water, with the propeller shaft dropping down into the drink. Throw the rudder over to make a hard left turn, and what's to prevent the centrifugal force of the turn from tipping the boat over until the outboard wingtip touches the water doing 55 mph? What would happen then? A jolt? A terrifying cartwheel crash? It's hard to say.

And then there's the propeller

shaft. With such a heavy boat, the forces this shaft would be subjected to would be tremendous, and in many different directions.

In any case, the Aerohydrocraft disappeared from the world of boat types almost as quickly as it vanished from the Portland waterfront. Today, few powerboat aficionados have even heard of them — or of the time Portland took a chance on the cutting edge of naval architecture.

By the way, there's a company called Fiddlers Green that sells a plan for a paper or cardboard model of the Aerohydrocraft on line. An Internet search for "fiddlers green sea gull boat" will take you right to it.

(Sources: Popular Science archive, popsci.com/archive; Portland Morning Oregonian archives, 1934-1944; Dead Memories Portland group on Facebook)

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