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JP Doodles

Potatoes, carrots, cabbage and corned beef? There's more than just the traditional meal for many next Saturday...

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Good garden tools

There are a lot of tools out there that are inexpensive, but you get what you pay for when you buy quality tools

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Briefs...



The Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) will be working on some sections of Hwy. 126 this summer. Motorists will encounter two 24-hour and six 12-hour closures along an 8-mile-long paving project. That work will also include guardrail adjustments and replacement and striping on the stretch of road east of the Hwy. 242 junction.

More rumble strips will be added along the roadway from Cedar Flat to Hwy. 242 to alert drivers if they start to stray from within the travel lane.

Providing a smoother ride is the goal of other work on two structures - the Blue

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Out of 290 Firewise sites in the U.S., the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) reports Oregon is ranked number two in the nation. In 2023, Oregon added 39 new sites to create more fire-adapted communities.

Along with being number two as a state in 2023, Oregon is also home to the number four and number five counties with the most sites in the nation: Jackson County with 75 sites and Deschutes County with 73 sites.

The program, run by the National Fire Protection Association, National Association of State Foresters, and U.S. Forest Service helps guide communities to protect homes and neighborhoods from wildfire.

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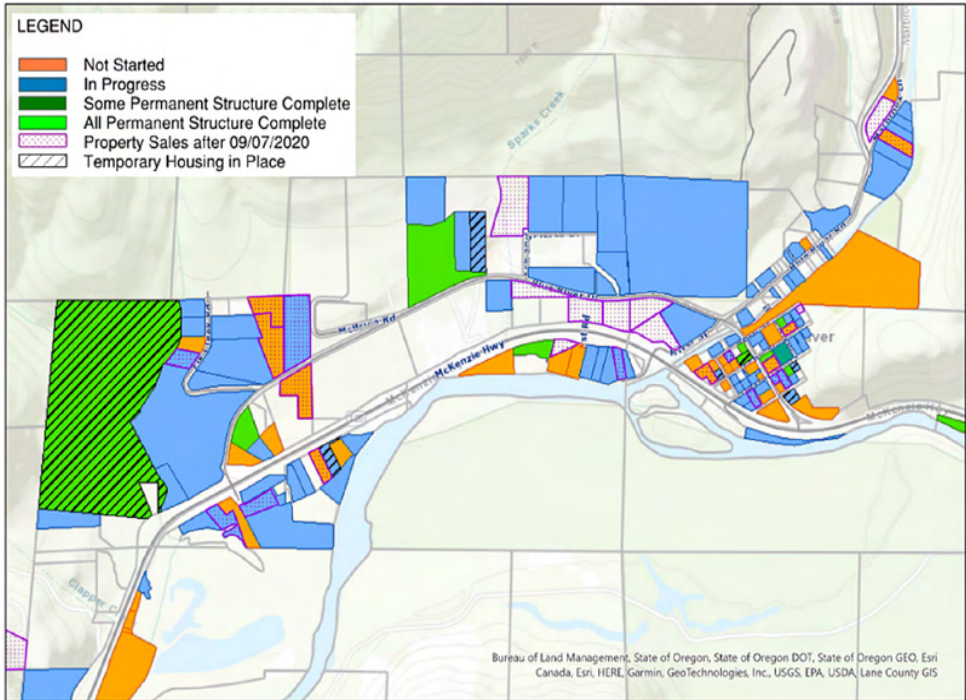


The Walterville Grange's Easter egg hunt will begin right at 10 a.m. so don't be late (they go fast). Be sure the kids bring their baskets to put the eggs they find in. There will be some special eggs with special prizes in them. Every egg will have a surprise in it. There are three age groups: 4 and under; 5 and 6; and 7 and above. There is no

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Could a pressurized sewer system help town's comeback?

Following 12 months of construction, sanitary district would target 2025



The "downtown" Blue River Drive area was the most densely developed part of Blue River before the Holiday Farm Fire.

BLUE RIVER: A recently completed community wastewater study outlines some services that could support the Blue River community as it recovers from fire damage and outlines ways it might continue to grow. Some of those goals include prioritizing the revitalization of the downtown area, protecting the McKenzie and Blue Rivers, and attracting people back to the community.

Based on the number of active water hookups there are now an estimated 80 dwellings serving a population of about 160 people. That compares to approximately 140 residences and a population of 280 before the Holiday Farm Fire of 2020.

After evaluating three alternatives, a small-diameter pressurized sewer system was recommended for Blue River. It would convey sewage with pressurized flow by small individual pumps at the user connection point.

When a feasibility Study is complete, Sewer system - Page 10

Opponents question EWEB's smart meter upgrades

Some fear hazards to health and electrical grid's hacker vulnerability

EUGENE: Plans that have been in the works for decades were opposed by several people who testified at last week's meeting of the Eugene Water & Electric Board. Some, like Eugene realtor Kathy Ging were critical of letters sent from the utility's legal counsel since January that she said threatened to cut off electrical service to ratepayers who opposed the installation of wireless smart meters on their homes.

Ging went on to say she felt "EWEB has declared war on ratepayers" who have concerns ranging from radio or microwave radiation to impacts on people who have disabilities are otherwise impacted.

Cindy Allen told the board other states have opt-out programs for customers with health concerns and were concerned with "DC/AC" switching employed by the meters. She also pointed to recent warnings from the director of the FBI related to the potential hacking of smart meters to sabotage the United States electrical grid.

Utility general manager Frank Lawson responded that the meters "are an asset of the utility, which it operates and maintains." There are legal precedents, he added, that maintain the owner of a property does not get to choose the type of meter and "having a metering device is a condition of service."

Lawson noted the utility had been evaluating smart meters as "part of a public process for 26 years, not just in town but eventually up the McKenzie Valley." Advantages, he said, include their ability to transmit usage activity without a meter reader going on-site and "essentially operating as a digital meter when not communicating."

The McKenzie area was the focus of EWEB's annual Watershed Report which included an overview of \$4.5 million in restoration activities in 2023. The largest expenditures, amounting to \$2.7 million, were earmarked for restoration efforts ranging from water quality monitoring and landowner outreach to erosion control and fuel reduction.

The report notes that 3 years after the Holiday Farm Fire, the Pure Water Partners (PWP) Program has worked with several landowners by conducting property assessments to evaluate opportunities for replanting in riparian areas, invasive species control, fire fuels reduction, erosion control, and naturescaping. Participants sign 7-year agreements that allow work to be completed on their properties and maintained over time. In addition, EWEB has brought in \$10.7 million to fund fuel reduction, replanting, and large floodplain

restoration projects.

Other work will distribute up to \$3 million in septic system assistance grant funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

In 2023, partners including the McKenzie River Trust (MRT), and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) completed the Finn Rock Phase II project and is continuing designs for similar restoration work on Quartz Creek. The report cites benefits from mitigating floods and turbidity, helping "increase nutrients and organic carbon coming from upstream severely burned landscapes, storing water, increasing habitat for fish and wildlife, increasing resiliency to wildfire, and increasing cold water refugia."

The 2019 State of the McKenzie Watershed Report anticipated "that climate change impacts in the McKenzie will show up as extreme weather events (including flooding, drought, and loss of snowpack), resulting in increased wildfires, harmful algal blooms, and property damage in riparian and floodplain areas."

That prediction anticipated the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire, which combined with another round of wildfires in the Upper McKenzie area is expected to have significant impacts on the river basin.

The report also pointed to wastewater releases and hazardous material spills as high-priority threats to water quality. Several spills, mostly minor, were recorded in the watershed in 2023, including a semi-truck crash near Finn Rock.



Lane Electric Cooperative customers were upgraded to smart meters in 2006.

Guest Opinion

How to safeguard your sobriety on St. Patrick's Day

By Marie Garceau

There are undoubtedly good times had by all who take part in St. Patrick's Day. It's known for lively parties, green beer, and brutal hangovers.

Yet, if you want to stay sober and avoid alcohol, it can pose a challenge. Suppose someone is in recovery from alcoholism, choosing a healthy lifestyle, or recently decided to give up alcohol for whatever reason. Celebrating St. Paddy's Day without a plan may lead to disaster.

While it is only one day a year, it can quickly derail any progress on sobriety. Fortunately, there are practical approaches you can take to safeguard your sobriety on St. Patrick's Day sobriety.

For instance, remind yourself why you are sober, and don't do it alone. You can still have fun and celebrate, but do it with other sober people. Everyone has their reasons for stopping drinking; remind yourself of those reasons and hold yourself accountable.

Know your triggers; it doesn't matter if you are a recovering addict or have removed alcohol from your life. Be cautious around possible triggers that pose a challenge. Most people in this situation choose to skip the bar and find something fun to do or go to a sober St. Patrick's Day

celebration.

Keep a non-alcoholic drink or mocktail in your hand. People will not bother you to ask if you want a drink if you already have something to sip on, like a mocktail. This also leads to planning how to say no. You will encounter social pressure if you go to a bar on St. Patrick's Day. It's unavoidable. It's wise to practice ways to refuse alcohol.

Finally, if all else fails, take a walk outside if you feel overwhelmed. The most straightforward solutions are usually the best. Remove yourself from any situation you know will lead to relapse. This is also why it's essential to be with a sober friend or loved one; there is accountability and someone to lean on.

Furthermore, speaking about the health and societal benefits of sobriety is crucial. It can often be overlooked that sobriety drastically improves physical and mental well-being and benefits every community by contributing to reducing impaired driving.

Unfortunately, there could be more instances of impaired driving over the St. Paddy's Day weekend. Oregon's Impaired Driving Program has worked tirelessly to reduce the number of impaired drivers on the road. In 2021, 215 people in Oregon lost their lives due to the actions of impaired drivers. This represented 36% of all traffic fatalities in the state, five percent higher than the national average.

If you are celebrating St. Pat-



rick's Day sober, take steps to safeguard your sobriety and look out for another. If you are consuming alcohol, drink responsibly, know your limits, and do not drink and drive.

Marie Garceau has been working in the field of substance use and addiction recovery for over a decade. She works at Drug Rehab Services, which has compiled one of the largest and most complete directories of drug and alcohol rehabilitation services in the US. She primarily focuses on reaching out to the community and spreading awareness.

Briefs...

Roadwork

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River and Fish Hole Bridges. Crews will be replacing the road surfaces there while also upgrading guardrails.

Firewise

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ODF is responsible for administering the program in Oregon in cooperation with the Oregon State Fire Marshal, community coordinators, and local fire departments, to develop action plans for implementing wildfire risk reduction activities.

A minimum of eight dwellings are required. Becoming a Firewise USA site is as easy as picking up the phone and calling a local ODF office, like Springfield's at 541-

726-3515.

By becoming a Firewise site, people can educate their community and work to become more wildfire resilient. Firewise sites have access to several wildfire partners, like the Oregon Department of Forestry, for help in securing grants, getting advice, and more.

Egg Hunt

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charge, and all are welcome. We are still collecting donations for the new siding and windows on the west side of the building if you care to donate.

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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

McKenzie Winter sports has concluded. There are no contests scheduled.

Mustang Power Dominates State Championships

Close only counts in horseshoes. Excepting, it would seem, any horseshoes from Crane. To the point, the Mustangs of Crane recently roped and corralled all the Blue Trophies at the 2024 OSAA/OnPoint Community Credit Union 1A Girls and Boys Basketball State Championships.

None of the games played were remotely close. In fact, out of 59 games played this season, the Crane girls and boys basketball teams lost just one game collectively, a non-league boy's game to Union, 46-58, back on December 7, 2023. One might consider forgiving the Mustang boys team for losing focus that night! For the record, the town of

Crane is located in eastern Harney County, south and east of Burns, and in a 2020 census, boasted 116 folks living within the town's "city limits."

The Crane School District is a boarding school, with a 2024 ADM (average daily membership) of 56 students in the High School, which is probably about average in the OSAA Class 1A ranks. Must be something in the water down there, (let's not forget dipping a toe or more into the Crystal Crane Hot Springs), that grows good High Desert athletic programs. Just a theory, of course, that it's just a solid rural, fundamental, lifestyle that's setting foundational principles. Whatever the logic, it appears to be working real fine for the Crane Mustangs.

The Crane Boy's State Basketball Championship this Winter was a three-peat, 2022, 2023, and 2024. The Mustang Girls basketball program claimed top-notch in 2020, 2022, and 2024. And the high desert air, seemingly, is a prime ingredient for all the other Mustang athletic seasons, as the school's Fall and Spring sports tend to show up regularly in State playoff brackets as well.

Meanwhile, over in Baker City, where the hospitality is top cabin during the annual Class 1A Basketball Championships, the Crane Boys defeated the second

ranked, Nixyaawii Golden Eagles, 65-51 in the Championship Game.







The Mustang Girls wrapped up their side of the 2024 Championship Go-Round, later in the evening, with a 59-39 victory over second ranked North Douglas.

For both Crane teams, those scores happened to be the closest margins of the three contests each team played at Baker City. Hard to argue how that's not impressive. Maybe Crane City Fathers would consider bottling some of that clean water, air and fundamental lifestyle and market it to some of the other communities throughout the State. Be interesting to see what might come from such an investment!

OSAA State Class 1A Basketball Results

The 2024 OSAA/OnPoint Community Credit Union 1A Girls and Boys Basketball State Championship games have been played and are documented in the books. Traditionally the Class 1A Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Championship Tournament has been hosted by Baker City and once again, this year, as always, the Folks from that historic Oregon Trail community really know how to throw a party! Around here,

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WEATHER REPORT									
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT EWING LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
3/5	40	32	0.80	893 cfs	3/5	40	33	0.51	5,360 cfs
3/6	45	29	0.05	818 cfs	3/6	49	30	0	5,180 cfs
3/7	47	28	0	910 cfs	3/7	51	27	0	4,960 cfs
3/8	51	29	0	680 cfs	3/8	53	30	0	4,650 cfs
3/9	47	32	0.10	659 cfs	3/9	65	36	0.02	4,650 cfs
3/10	44	37	0.28	659 cfs	3/10	54	40	0.12	4,740 cfs
3/11	45	38	0.41	617 cfs	3/11	48	39	0.23	5,010 cfs

Sheriff's Report

March 2: 12:36 p.m: Harassment - 36600 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Citizen self report to document ongoing harassing text messages from a known person.

March 3: 9:05 a.m: Suspicious Subject - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. A male was screaming in front of the store and harassing customers. Deputies responded, and the male agreed to leave.

12:36 p.m: Harassment - 36600 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Citizen self report to document ongoing harassing text messages from a known person.

3:11 p.m: Gunshot Wound - 8700 blk, Thurston Rd. A male dropped a handgun, which then fired a bullet into his leg. Deputies responded with fire personnel to investigate. The subject was transported to the hospital.


6:53p.m: Suspicious Conditions - McK. Hwy. & Holden Creek Ln. A deputy was passing through the area when he noticed a female in a car screaming. The deputy checked on her welfare, and she did not need further assistance.

March 4: 2:52 a.m: Assault - 87800 blk, Upland St. Deputies responded to a dispute. One of the parties was injured. Deputies arrested Juan Jiminez Viera for Assault 4 APA – Felony, and lodged him at the Lane County Jail.

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2:19 p.m: Stranded Vehicle - Lat: 44.177157. Long: -122.976094.

4:35 p.m: Reckless Driving - Donna Rd. & Marcola Rd.

5:03 p.m: Stranded Vehicle - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

7:47 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 40100 blk, York Ln.

10:22 p.m: Harassment - 45600 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd. Ongoing harassment online.

March 5: 12:43 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 40100 blk, York Ln. The residents were in an ongoing dispute. Deputies responded to check the welfare of the involved.

5:52 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Marcola Rd. Milepost 3.

6:03 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 89000 blk, Marcola Rd.

6:21 a.m: Alarm - 38100 blk, Boscage Ln.

1:51 p.m: Animal at Large - 41900 blk, Holden Creek Ln.

6:25 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 91500 blk, Cougar Dam Rd.

March 6: 5:51 a.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 91500 blk, Cougar Dam Rd.

7:06 a.m: Repossessed Vehicle - 92200 blk, Walling St.

5:43 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 42.

5:53 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 42.

6:13 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 42.

11:23 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 3300 blk, Harvest Ln. A deputy contacted the driver of a vehicle at the landing after park hours.

March 7: 9:58 a.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 55500 blk, Drury Dr.

10:13 a.m: Abandoned Vehicle - 88300 blk, Walterville Lp.

5:09p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 92200 blk, Treston Ln. A neighbor reported a suspicious vehicle in the driveway of a vacant house. The homeowners were contacted and confirmed the subject in the vehicle had permission to be there.

9:14 p.m: Assist Fire Department - 90600 blk, Marcola Rd.

March 8: 6:14 a.m: Alarm - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

12:53 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. Mp. 3.

2:36 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Shadows Rd.

2:57 p.m: Welfare Check - 40300 blk, Mohawk River Rd.

3:08 p.m: Burglary - 38200 blk, Wendling Rd.

4:47 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 14.

March 8: 10:55 a.m: Disabled Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Mohawk Loop Rd.

12:01 p.m: Illegal Cutting of Forest Products - Lat: 44.264592. Long: -122.842951.

1:13 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - Belknap Bridge.

2:21 p.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 87800 blk, Upland St.

3:08 p.m: Burglary - 38200 blk, Wendling Rd.

5:12 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 29.

5:34 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 29.

7:35 p.m: Driving while Suspended - 41400 blk, McK. Hwy.

8:37 p.m: Open Gate - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

11:49 p.m: Traffic Hazard - 89100 blk, Marcola Rd.

March 9: 8:27 a.m: Welfare Check - Cedar Flat Rd. & McK.

Hwy. **10:55 a.m:** Disabled Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Mohawk Loop Rd.

12:01 p.m: Illegal Cutting of Forest Products - Lat: 44.264592. Long: -122.842951.

1:13 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - Belknap Bridge. A motorcycle rider was crossing the bridge at low speed and crashed.

2:21 p.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 87800 blk, Upland St.

3:08 p.m: Burglary - 38200 blk, Wendling Rd. A shop on the victim's property was broken into and several items were stolen.

4:47 p.m: Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. & Mp. 14.

5:12 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 29.

5:34 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 29.

7:35 p.m: Driving While Suspended - 41400 blk, McK. Hwy.

11:49 p.m: traffic hazard - 89100 blk, Marcola Rd.

March 10: 12:10 a.m: Welfare Check - Marcola Rd. & Skyhigh Dr.

1:24 p.m: motor vehicle accident no injury - lat: 44.177719 long: -122.509850.

2:40 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Mp. 3.

3:27 p.m: Welfare Check - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

4:03 p.m: Criminal Mischief - 89100 blk, Marcola Rd. The driveway to the location was spray painted with graffiti.

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

14:08: 90000 blk, Leashore Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

March 5: 5:50: Marcola Rd. /Mp. 3 Mutual Aid. Disregarded. 3/5/2024 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patients Assessed, 2 Refusals Obtained.

10:20: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Lift Assist.

12:21: 88000 blk, Twin Firs Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

18:38: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

March 6: 11:48: McK. Hwy./Quartz Creek Rd. MVA. Non-Blocking/Non-Injury.

17:38: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

21:02: 90000 blk, Marcola Rd. Mutual Aid. Disregarded En Route.

March 8: 1:47: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

March 9: 3:20: 40000 blk, York Ln. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained by Medic.

March 10: 13:10: 88000 blk, Keola Ln. Medical, Traum. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

21:33: 88000 blk, Keola Ln. Public Assist. Assist Transport Crew With Getting Patient Into Their Home.

March 11: 7:13: 88000 blk, Periwinkle Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, March 18th at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

March 4: 6:57: 40000 block, Booth Kelly Rd. Power Pole on Fire. No Fire Found/EWEB Notified.

8:04: McK. Hwy./Milepost 22. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

9:25: McK. Hwy. /Goodpasture Rd. MVA. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

March 5: 06:08: Medical - 49000 block, McK. Hwy. 18-year-old female and 20-year-old male report they had a mishap last night.

18:36: Medical - 49000 block, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

March 6: 11:47: Motor Vehicle Accident, Non-Injury - McK. Hwy./Quartz Creek Rd. Vehicle went off into the ditch right before Quartz Creek Bridge.

March 9: 21:36: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

March 11: 07:50: Fire Alarm - 51000 blk, Blue River Dr. General fire alarm - smoke alarm.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 18th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.



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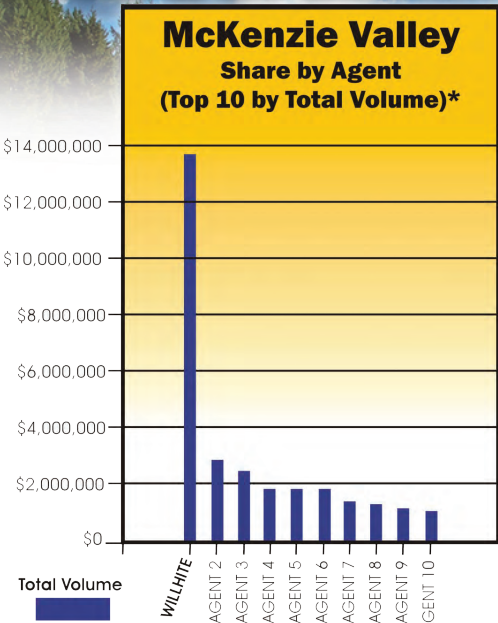
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By Slim Randles

“This whole election process just doesn’t work for me,” Dud said, sipping his coffee. “There’s no way we can tell who is best for the job.”

Doc, being the senior member of the Mule Barn truck stop’s world dilemma think tank, looked kindly at Dud. “Well, haven’t you been reading what each guy stands for, Dud?”

Dud shrugged. “Sure. But I firmly believe they only tell you what you want to hear. They’re the best, and the other guy is going to take you straight to ruined aspirations.”

“Ruined aspirations?” piped up Steve, the cowboy with the owlish look of pure bowlegged intellectualism. “That’s why I’ve always thought we need a contest. A real contest. Have them put their aspirations where they’ll do the most good.”

“A contest?”

“Bull riding,” said Steve, nodding sagely. “Just put them on bulls and the first one to fall off loses.”

“But what does bull riding have to do with taxes and warfare and education and all that stuff?” asked Doc.

“Nothing at all,” said Steve, “but you can bet it will separate the serious candidates from the oh-what-the-heck guys.”

“I like what I’m hearing here,” said Dud, with a grin. “Only problem is, if they ride bulls, one of them might get killed.”

Steve grinned, “Simplifies that ol’ selection process, doesn’t it?”

This year, vote for biodegradable candidates. And insist they prove it first.

Quote of the Week

“It takes two years to learn to speak and sixty to learn to keep quiet.”

Ernest Hemingway

“I WILL TAKE THE RING, THOUGH I DO NOT KNOW THE WAY.”

—FRODO BAGGINS

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Lonely Oregon boy grew up to be a legendary comic-book artist

By Finn J.D. John
PART TWO

On September 14, 1964, the steamship Al Kuwait was moored at the dock in Kuwait City when something terrible happened: The ship capsized and settled to the harbor floor.

This was bad enough news for the town by itself. But the real problem was, the Al Kuwait was a livestock transport freighter. It was full of sheep. Five thousand of them.

These poor animals were, of course, drowned when the hull flooded. But then the carcasses started to decompose.

This was an environmental disaster, because Kuwait City got its drinking water from that harbor, via a desalinization plant.

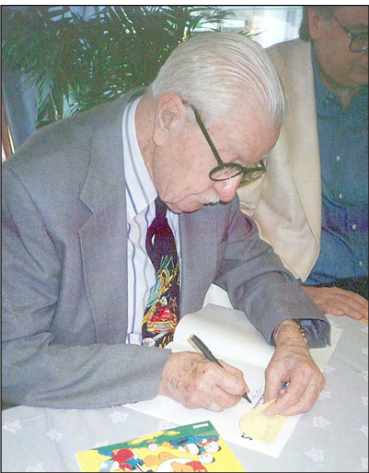
Ordinarily cranes would have been brought in to try to pick the ship up. But there just wasn’t time to do that, and anyway if the ship were to break open while on the sling, thousands of rotting carcasses would be dumped into the harbor just a few hundred feet from the water-plant intake. It couldn’t be risked.

The solution came from a Danish engineer named Karl Kroyer. Kroyer’s plan was to rig a pipe to the ship and blast thousands and thousands of small polystyrene balls — Ping-Pong balls, basically — into the hull of the ship. Eventually, he reasoned, there would be enough balls in the ship to float it to the surface; and he could, by carefully choosing where to inject the balls, bring it back onto an even keel at the same time.

Kroyer was given the green light, and on New Year’s Day he was ready to do the job. He turned on his Ping-Pong pumps and blasted 27 million of the balls — 65 tons in all — into the sunken ship.

It rolled upright and lay there low in the water, ready to be towed away from the water plant to safety. Success! The city was saved!

The total cost: \$345,000. To save a ship worth \$2 million — not to mention the drinking water supply for about 300,000 people.



J-E Nyström
Carl Barks, The Duck Man, signing autographs for fans in Finland in 1994, when he was 93 years old.

Kroyer promptly filed patent applications on this ping-pong ball method. In the United Kingdom and Germany, he was duly awarded a patent.

But he ran into trouble in the Netherlands. There, his application for a patent was denied. It seemed someone in the Dutch patent office recognized Kroyer’s “new” technique ... from a Donald Duck comic book, “The Sunken Yacht,” published in 1949.

In the comic, Donald and his three nephews — Huey, Dewey, and Louie — raise a sunken yacht from the ocean floor by filling it with Ping-Pong balls shoved into it through a tube.

Since patents can’t be issued on ideas that other people have previously published, the Dutch authorities denied Kroyer his patent.

The man who could have patented this idea, if he hadn’t been too busy pumping out Donald Duck and Uncle Scrooge comic books, was of course native Oregonian Carl Barks — who by 1949 was already Walt Disney’s most valuable comic-book artist.

When Carl first came aboard at Disney, though, that status was still far in his future. He was hired in 1935 as an “inbetweener,” one of the lower-level artists who drew the less-important cels “in between” the keyframe cels that the lead artist would do. It was grueling, uncreative work, but

every new animator had to pay his or her dues as an inbetweener — like every new hire at a sawmill has to pay his or her dues pulling green chain.

While he was doing this, though, Carl worked on the side developing gags. One of these got him noticed by the big guy himself, Walt Disney, and resulted in a memorable scene in the cartoon Modern Inventions (1937) in which a robotic barber chair accidentally flips Donald Duck upside down, gives his butt-feathers a “high and tight” haircut, and applies shoe polish to his beak.

After that, Carl was assigned to the story department, and for the next five years or so he was an animated-cartoon artist.

But by 1942, he had developed an allergic reaction to something in the air conditioning system at Disney. So he quit, planning on moving to the dry country east of Los Angeles and starting a chicken farm.

But just before he left, he collaborated with Jack Hannah in a one-shot 64-page comic book titled Donald Duck Finds Pirate Gold, published under contract by Western Publishing.

Pirate Gold was a huge hit, and Barks asked Western if they had any more similar projects he might like to do. They immediately gave him an assignment, a synopsis for a story to draw.

As time went on, Western soon realized that Carl Barks worked best on his own. By about 1946, they were simply buying everything he did. He would develop a story, outline it, pencil it, ink it, letter it, and send it to them; if it didn’t violate any of the house “don’ts” (no sex, no cursing, no blood and gore, etc.) they would simply shoot him a check for \$12.50 per page and he would be on to the next one.

Over the next two decades, Carl Barks would crank out an enormous volume of Disney duck stories. He added classic characters to the roster — the most famous one being, of course, Scrooge McDuck, but also evil sorceress Magica DeSpell, infuriatingly lucky loafer Gladstone Gander, rattlebrained inventor Gyro Gearloose, the diabolical Beagle Boys crime family, and several other minor characters, all inhabiting a town called Duckburg.

Clara, Carl’s new wife, sank deep into alcoholism. They were divorced in 1951. It seems to have been the same thing that ruined his first marriage — she wanted some of his time, and he wanted to spend all his time on art. Carl’s third wife, Margaret “Garé” Williams, was already a successful landscape artist when

they met, so she understood. They were married in 1954.

Under Carl’s direction, Donald Duck became a sort of relatable everyman. Usually accompanied by his nephews Huey, Dewey, and Louie, he traveled around the world on improbable quests, getting in and out of trouble in exotic places, getting involved in hopeful hustles, getting defeated by bad luck, rescuing and being rescued by his three nephews, and reflecting many of the changes the world was going through at the time.

One particularly interesting aspect of Carl’s panels was how he integrated gorgeous, detailed landscapes into them. He collected National Geographic magazine, and used photographs from it as models for his stories when the ducks went to some exotic location for a bonkers adventure, as they frequently did.

So under his direction, the Donald Duck comics became a combination of serious art, complex storytelling, and funny-paper slapstick. With a Westerner’s disdain for snobbish distinctions, Carl regarded his art as no less valuable than the fine art displayed in galleries. He wasn’t just pumping out silly talking-animal crap to entertain children — he was fully committed to expressing himself as an artist and a storyteller in the medium he had access to.

And readers, to Disney’s probable surprise, responded accordingly. At one point Donald Duck was selling more than 3 million magazines a month, which was the second highest circulation of any periodical (behind only Reader’s Digest). Many, if not most, of those were being bought and read by adults, not children. Many children of the baby boom grew up with Donald Duck and never outgrew him. The stories continued to be interesting to them decades after they got bored with more traditional children’s fare like Bugs Bunny, Archie, and Richie Rich the Poor Little Rich Boy.

In terms of worldview, you could think of Carl Barks as the sort of character Archie Bunker was based on. He was socially conservative and felt that America was at its best when it minded its own business and stayed out of foreign affairs, and had noticeable contempt for loafers and people who wouldn’t work. He drew fairly heavily on racial stereotypes in his art, and some of it has not aged well; but he doesn’t seem to have shown any particular racism or antisemitism. His political philosophy was similar to that of Edgar Rice Burroughs, another individualistic Westerner-cowboy

Comic-book artist - Page 11

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Gardening Tips



Good gardening tools are worth the investment



By Vic Panichkul

When it comes to picking gardening tools, there's one rule that rises to the top.

"You pay for what you get," said Cindy Jeffers, manager of Landsystems Nursery in Bend. "There are a lot of tools out there that are inexpensive, but you get what you pay for when you buy quality tools," she said.

"Shop for quality rather than quantity," said OSU Master Gardener Priscilla Robinson, who presented at a recent seminar. "Metal parts should be made of hardened steel or aluminum. These materials stay sharp, keep their shape, and outlast tools that are made of softer metal."

Also, consider ergonomics. Test the grip and thumb positioning when it comes to pruning sheers or any other hand tool.

What are Jeffers' and Robinson's favorite gardening tools?

- * The hori hori, a Japanese-style garden blade and spade offering multiple functions. "It's a universal tool," Jeffers said.

"You can use it for so many different things, digging, cutting, measuring, and planting."

- * Hedge shears. Jeffers also likes hedge shears for their versatility. She uses them to cut back grasses, lavender, and perennials.
- * Felco # 2 pruners. For a universal cutting and pruning tool, they're a favorite. "All the parts are replaceable and they're a great and durable tool," Jeffers said. It has a reinforced anvil blade, smooth cutting action, and rubber handles that provide comfort.
- * Trowels. "[They] are one of the most versatile garden tools," said Robinson. Look for one with a solid handle, steel blades, and ergonomic hand grip.
- * A garden fork. It's indispensable for an in-ground garden to dig up root vegetables, break up soil, and integrate soil amendments.

One's choice of garden tools also depends on the type of garden, Robinson said. For in-ground gardens, it makes sense to select tools with longer handles, so that

it's comfortable working from a standing posture. "You might also consider a wheelbarrow to move dirt and soil amendments and consider knee pads or kneeling pads," she said.

For raised beds, go for smaller tools or tools with smaller handles.

When it comes to gloves, there are many types and materials. Robinson suggests considering the primary task when choosing gloves.

"Gloves made from fabric or synthetic materials with a gripping texture are great for general gardening and weeding," Robinson said. "But consider leather gloves for pruning, cutting and heavier tasks where you need to protect your hands and fingers."

When it comes to digging tools, Robinson said to look for quality heavy-gauge metal, a long shank to affix a sturdy handle made of wood or fiberglass to the blade.

Use common sense daily rituals to extend the life of your tools, Robinson said.

After each use, give tools a good cleaning before storing them. Scrape off the soil and use a stiff wire brush to get them clean. Remove any rust with sandpaper. Remove sap with a solvent, such as mineral spirits, or a household foaming bathroom cleaner.

For shovels, hoes, forks, and other metal tools, Robinson suggests keeping a 5-gallon bucket full of sand pouring some motor oil in it and stirring it. "Plunge the tools in the sand a few times then wipe with a clean rag," she said.

Wooden handles need to be cleaned with a damp rag. Remove rough or splintered wood with fine sandpaper and apply linseed oil to wooden handles.

"With a little care, your tools will last you a long, long, time," she said.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



RED FLANNEL HASH A Leftover Favorite

Red Flannel Hash often was the meal served the day after a corned beef and cabbage dinner. One old-timer claimed, "Red Flannel Hash 'follers' a boiled dinner as sure as night 'follers' day." With St. Patrick's Day coming up, you may be interested in this way to use your leftovers.

You'll find several stories concerning the origin of this dish made from beets, potatoes, onions, and corned beef, all of which were cooked the previous day for a boiled dinner. One story asserts Red Flannel Hash came into being in the Green Mountain State of Vermont where Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys, during Revolutionary War times, satisfied their hunger with it.

Another claim is that Red Flannel Hash not only was the aftermath to a boiled dinner, but that it often was prepared toward the end of the week with leftovers from other meals. The one ingredient most certainly found in this mixture was boiled beets, which gave it a distinctive color.

Where I grew up in New York State, we never served beets with boiled dinner. So our hash consisted of potatoes, carrots, cabbage and corned beef. Any leftovers, Mother chopped in the wooden chopping bowl, then turned into a skillet to heat and fry. She warmed leftover cabbage separately, not in the hash.

My husband liked turnips, not beets, with his boiled dinner. So

perhaps that's how his mother prepared the dish.

Red Flannel Hash made from New England boiled dinner leftovers calls for 1 1/2 cups chopped corned beef, 1 1/2 cups chopped cooked beets, 1 1/2 cups chopped cold boiled potatoes, 1 medium onion, chopped fine. Mix these ingredients together and moisten slightly with milk or cream.

Put into hot, well-buttered skillet; stir occasionally until heated thoroughly. Then continue cooking until a brown crust forms underneath; turn onto a platter as you do omelet.

Calico Hash is an aftermath or leftover meal, too, but often is mistakenly called Red Flannel. You make this from a mixture of chopped corned beef, turnips, carrots, potatoes, cabbage, beets, and raw onion, which then you cook as any hash.

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(Mary Emma Allen, who grew up on a farm, often writes about nostalgic and Inspirational topics.)

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Community Notes

March 14
VMCC Board
The Vida McKenzie Community Center Board meets from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 90377 Thomson Lane.

March 14
McK Watershed Council
The McKenzie Watershed Council’s mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable watershed health, function, and use. Location varies, please contact Melanie Giangreco, McKenzie Watershed Council Operations Assistant. Meetings are from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. Contact: Melanie Giangreco (458-201-8150) melanie@mckenziawc.org

March 15
Women’s Retreat
A Hot Springs Women’s Retreat will be held on Friday March 15th at 4 p.m. to Sunday the 17th at 2 p.m. at 59296 Belknap Hot Springs Road in McKenzie Bridge. The event is open to the public and will include coaching and mindset training, and kills to navigate difficult conversations and build vision towards future-self goals.

March 16
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.

March 17
St. Patrick’s Party
The Camp Creek Church, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd, is hosting a St. Patrick’s Day Party at the Fellowship Hall from 6-8 pm. on Sunday, March 17th. All 6th to 12th graders are invited to join in for a Wear your green gathering for games, Bible time, food, and fun for all.

March 18
Kids Eat Free
Kids eat free every Monday (with adult meal purchase) at Craig’s Lucky Logger Restaurant & Henry’s Bar, 39297 McKenzie Hwy. Takeout, Dine-in, Indoor

seating (541) 726-9088
March 18
McK Fire & Rescue Board
The McKenzie Fire District Board meeting will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy. Dor information call 541-896-3311.

March 18
Upper McK Fire Board
The Upper McKenzie Fire District Board meets from 7 to 8 pm on the third Monday of the month at 56578 McKenzie Hwy, in McKenzie Bridge,. 541-822-3479

March 19
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.

March 19
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.

March 19
ReOregon Info
If you were a homeowner at the time of the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire and your primary residence was damaged or destroyed, the ReOregon Homeowner Assistance and Reconstruction Program (HARP) may be able to offer the support you need during these challenging times. In partnership with the McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group (MVLTRG), ReOregon will launch HARP this spring to offer financial assistance to help eligible homeowners repair, rebuild, or replace those homes. Join us for an informational

session to discover how HARP can support rebuilding. The information presented will be the same for both sessions; please join us on the day that is most convenient for you.

Connect with one of our Intake Specialists for personalized assistance:
MaryEllen@mckenzie-valleyltrg.org or Shelly@mckenzievalleyltrg.org
Visit https://bit.ly/3IiIW44 or call the ReOregon Call Center at 877-510-6800 for more details about HARP.

March 20
Board of Commissioners
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March 20
Watershed Wednesday
Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning to help care for this special area where the Mckenzie and Willamette Rivers meet. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/tree establishment.

March 20
Cornhole League
The Upper McKenzie Cornhole League mmets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 54745 McKenzie River Dr. Join in for some free Cornhole fun at the Upper McKenzie Community Center. Bag tossings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Bring some snacks to share.

March 20
McKenzie School Board
The McKenzie School District board meeting (5:30 to 7:30 p.m.) will held at 51187 Blue River Dr. It will also be live-streamed at: https://www.youtube.com/@mckenzieschooldistrict6756/streams. Submit Public Comments to public.comment@mckenziesd.org comments submitted before noon on the day prior to the meeting will be presented to the

Board for review and submission to the meeting minutes.
March 21
Leaburg Food Pantry
The Food pantry will be oen from 3:00pm - 6:30pm at McKenzie Bible Fellowship, 45061 McKenzie Hwy,. Al are welcome.

March 23
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

March 24 & 25
Free Eye Exam
Looking for a clearer view this spring? Don’t miss the Casey Eye Institute’s FREE eye exam and prescription glasses event at Orchid Health in Blue River! Ages 18+ Welcome * No Insurance Required * Limited Spots Available. Call Orchid Health at (541) 822-3341 to schedule your appointment!

March 26
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.

March 26
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March 26
McK Food Pantry
Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need will be available from 11:00am - 1:00pm at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy. Every 2nd & 4th Friday.

March 27
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March 27
LEC Board Meeting
Members of Lane Electric Cooperative can join monthly board meetings, which begin at 9 a.m. Each meeting begins with a member comment period. Individual members have three minutes to address the board at that time. Topics presented will be discussed amongst the board and followed up on accordingly. People who wish to address the Lane Electric board please complete a meeting request form at least five days prior to the meeting you would like to attend at 787 Bailey Hill Rd, Eugene.

March 30
Grange Easter Egg Hunt
The Easter egg hunt will begin right at 10 a.m. so don’t be late (they go fast). Be sure the kids bring their own baskets to put the eggs they find in. There will be some special eggs with special prizes in them. Every egg will have a surprise in it. There are three age groups: 4 and under; 5 and 6; and 7 and above. There is no charge, and all are welcome. We are still collecting donations for the new siding and windows on the west side of the building if you care to donate.

March 30
Easter Egg Hunt
Younglife is sponsoring a community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 30th at the Mckenzie track. We look forward to seeing you all there.

April 6
VMCC Grand Opening
After three and ½ years of planning and fundraising, Vida McKenzie Community Center is opening its doors to the public on April 6th at 2 p.m. for a Grand Opening Celebration. There will be wines to taste, offered by McKenzie Crest Winery; non-alcoholic beverages; delicious appetizers; live music played by Kimberly Reeves Parker on VMCC’s beautiful baby grand piano; and at 3 p.m. there will a drawing of the winning ticket for a \$1,000 Jerry’s Home Improvement Shopping Spree.

Mark your calendars so you do not miss this pivotal event. For more information, go to vidacommunitycenter.com.

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www.mckenziebible.com

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52353 McKenzie Hwy – Milepost 42
541-822-3820
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Sun. Morn. 9:30am;
web page: sbldge.opwest.org

McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church
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McKenzie Students of the Month

For the month of February we focused on “Responsible” in RIVER. These students are prepared for class, follow directions, are trustworthy, complete assignments and activities, and are leaders.

High School student William Meister is always prepared for class. He immediately logs into google classroom and has the materials for the aay's lesson waiting on his screen. Will has also taken ownership of his role in the elementary coding program. He is always prepared for the lessons he teaches and will often make revisions to improve the lessons. Will never needs a reminder about his elementary programming responsibilities.

Middle School student Silas Jones takes his classes seriously, even to the point of turning down fun family excursions to study for upcoming tests. He also goes above and beyond in his duties as treasurer for his class. Silas is always intentional to clean up after himself and take care of the school facilities and equipment.

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8. Not square
11. October birthstone
12. Dueling weapon
13. FlambÉ
15. Capital of Azerbaijan
16. Rugged rock
17. Actress Vergara
18. *What many chicks are doing in spring
20. "Me and Bobby McGee" singer-songwriter
21. *What the weather does
22. Make a seam
23. Old name for 5-iron in golf
26. Facing
30. 20s dispenser
31. Bodily fluids
34. Steak choice
35. Dungeness and snow, e.g.
37. "Chapter" in history
38. African antelope
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42. 34th U.S. President

Solution on Page 9

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Solution on Page 9

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45. _____ the Great, king of Persia
47. Give it a go
48. Fraternity K
50. Dr Pepper, e.g.
52. *The Beach Boys:
"Spring _____, good vibration"
55. Member of Nahuatl people
56. #23 Across, e.g.
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59. Salary increase
60. Umbilical connection
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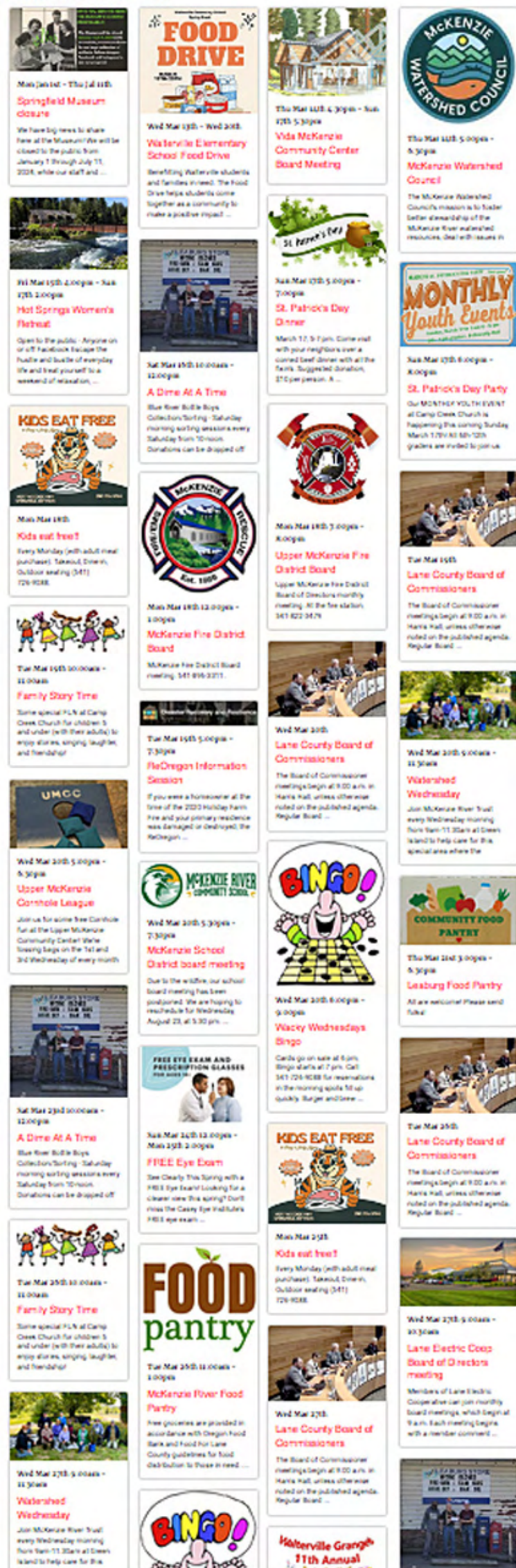
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2. Moonfish
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5. *Simon & Garfunkel:
“_____, come she will”
6. Wealth
7. Safecracker
8. High quality sound reproduction, for short
9. *Purple flower that starts blooming in spring
10. Fairytale insomnia cause
12. Like repeating tunnel sound
13. Off kilter
14. **”Spring _____, fall back”
19. Spring mattress filler
22. Acronym in a bottle
23. Ceremonial staff bearer
24. Skylit lobbies
25. “Designing Women” star Jean _____
26. *Become soft, as in ground
27. Radices, sing.
28. “Way 2 Sexy” rapper
29. “Battle of the _____” movie
32. Swimming competition, e.g.
33. Not amateur
36. *The _____: “Little darlin’, it’s been a long, cold, lonely winter”
38. Highly skilled
40. *Official start of spring
41. Make bigger
44. Vanish without this?
46. Elevates
48. Dry plateau in South Africa
49. Oak nut
50. Same as tsar
51. “The Dock of the Bay” singer
52. Joe Biden, once
53. Solemn promise
54. Pinta and Santa Maria companion
55. Vegas bandit’s body part
58. *It gets longer

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Events from Mar 14th





A Moment
in Oregon
History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

March 13 - Within a half-century of its statehood the native elk of Oregon had been hunted to near extinction. Wyoming offered to give Oregon enough elk to re-establish the population and a fenced-in area at Billy Meadows in Wallowa County was selected as the re-introduction site. Elk were captured at Jackson Hole, taken over Teton Pass on sleds and delivered to Wallowa County on March 14, 1912. Crates were built on 5 wagons, the 15 elk were loaded and it took five days of intense effort for the 21 men and 19 teams of horses to traverse the deep snow and reach Billy Meadows. All the elk reached the fenced enclosure alive and were turned loose. This group of Wyoming elk is considered the foundation herd to Oregon’s growing elk population.

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Ski Report

March 12, 2023

The Hoodoo Ski Resort’s report from Sunday reported they’d received enough snow to freshen things up and soften the surfaces. The base was at 75 inches. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 24 degrees at the base and 20 degrees at the summit on Tuesday. 6 inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 122 inches. All scheduled lifts were open, except for Northwest due to high winds. There was a low cloud cover near mid-mountain, where gusts were blowing snow. 83 of 122 trails were open, along with 9 of 12 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.

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Workers from Brinks Bros Inc. were busy last Thursday at the Three Sisters Meadow site converting a log pile into chunks of usable firewood. Over 520 cords of free wood have been distributed since 2021.

People living on the McKenzie Highway between McKenzie Bridge and Cedar Flat can still benefit from the free firewood program developed by the Pure Water Partners and the McKenzie Watershed Council (MWC). The program was established to help residents who were directly impacted by the Holiday Farm

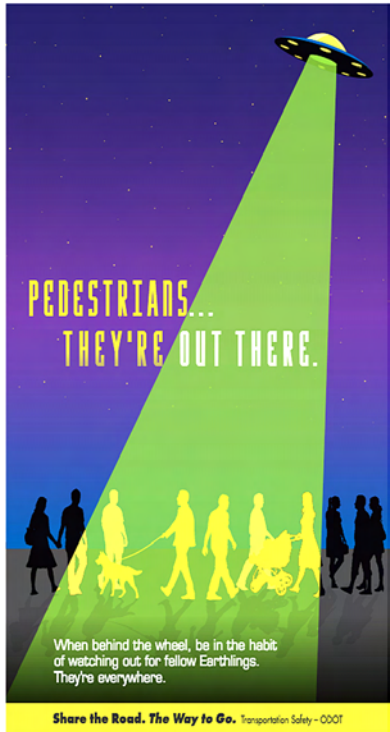
Fire in terms of lost homes, firewood, firewood equipment, or significant financial impacts - as well as having physical barriers preventing them from acquiring firewood (and are unable to afford buying wood). Firewood is available once a month throughout the heating season. It is limited to 2 cords of

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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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it used to be said, “Where else would you like to spend a week in March? Only in sunny Baker City!”

This year, the Girls Class 1A Basketball Championship came down to the top two ranked teams in the State, number one and undefeated Crane (30-0) and second ranked North Douglas (27-4).

The Crane Mustangs easily finished their fine season with a 59-39 rout of the Warriors. Sixth ranked Powder Valley (23-7) upended fifth ranked St. Paul (22-8), 51-44, to claim the third place

trophy and the Buckaroos settled for fifth.

Over in the Consolation Championship, fourth ranked Country Christian (23-8) took home the fourth place trophy with a 51-43 win over upstart and fourteenth ranked Echo (21-10), which earned a sixth place finish trophy. North Clackamas Christian (22-6) and Imbler (20-9) were both eliminated with two losses each.

The Crane Mustang Boys (29-1) earned special distinction with their three-peat Championship run this season, clobbering second ranked Nixyaawii (23-5), 65-51. In the third/fifth place game, fourth ranked Trinity Lutheran (25-5) defeated eleventh ranked North Douglas (24-7), 65-49.

The Consolation Championship game to decide the fourth/sixth place trophies, seventh ranked Lost River (25-5) edged by eighth ranked Union (23-9) in a hard fought contest, 57-54. Crosshill Christian (21-8) and Elkton (19-8) were both eliminated with two losses each.

Sewer system

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it would be followed by design and engineering phases which are projected for completion by the end of 2024. Then, the construction process could extend another 12 months for completion at the end of 2025.

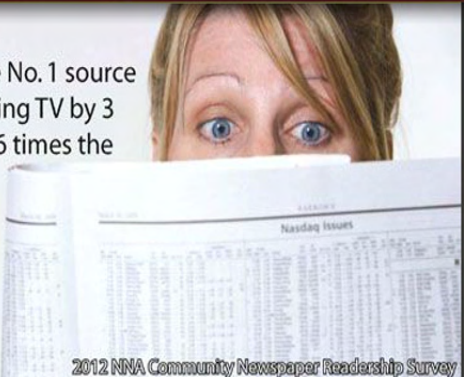
Because of damage related to the fire, the sewer work won’t be the only utility project in the area. It will coincide with the rebuild of the municipal water distribution system which likely will see lines that parallel each other down the main streets, with a clearance of 10 feet or no less than 5 feet.

The study looked at locating drain fields at the Blue River Park and the Three Sisters Meadow site. Each should be able to handle an average flow of 2,500 gallons per day by using a modular packed bed filter system. At that capacity, each could serve an average of 8 homes. Estimates are that capacity might be expanded to twice that flow rate at the park and up to 10,000 gallons per day at the Meadows property.

Using The City of Lacey’s system as a reference, the annual cost was estimated to be \$10,198

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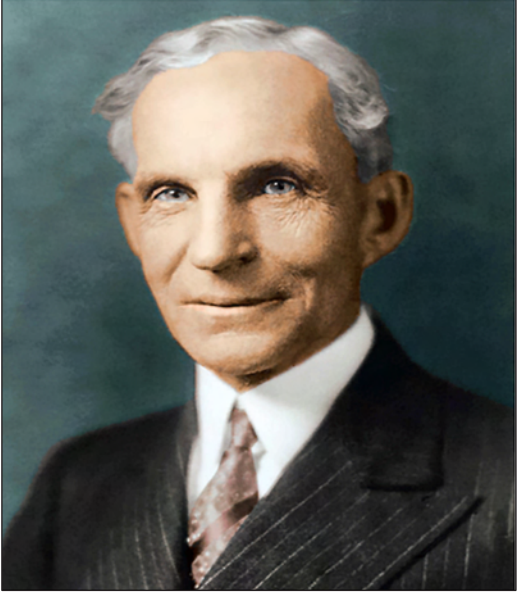
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Comic-book artist

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storyteller from the same era. Once the comic-book world knew who he was, Carl acquired a sort of cult following in the growing world of comic conventions and fanzines. After John Spicer’s letter, Spicer and his brother came out to visit, which was nice, and other fans followed as well. But after a few years, as word got around, the hospitality duties became a bit of a chore, and his home was close enough to Disneyland that some fans actually took to dropping by in hopes he’d be around. So in 1983, Carl moved back to Oregon, settling in Grants Pass, and that’s where he lived when, in August of 2000, he died at the age of 99.

Today, there is an asteroid named after him — Carl’s favorite Donald Duck story was “Island in the Sky,” in which the ducks fly off to the asteroid belt to find a safe place for Uncle Scrooge to store his money. Steven Spielberg and George Lucas are on record stating that not only did they get the rolling-boulder booby trap scene in Raiders of the Lost Ark from an Uncle Scrooge comic, they planned the visuals of the entire movie around an aesthetic developed from Carl’s duck comics. And Osamu Tezuka, the most important seminal figure in Japanese manga and animation

and the creator of Tetsuwan Atomu (Astro Boy), borrowed some key insights and techniques from a stack of Donald Duck comics given to him by an American soldier friend in 1946 to create basically the foundation of modern manga and anime. Not bad for a humble farm boy from a remote part of the Oregon Outback, eh? (Sources: Carl Barks and the



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A sunrise scene in downtown Hemet, Calif., the desert town in which Carl Barks was living in 1960 when John Spicer’s fan letter arrived, bearing him the astonishing news that he was the most popular and respected comic-book artist in the world and had been for years.

Disney Comic Book, a book by Thomas Andrae published in 2006 by University Press of Mississippi; “The Hunt for the Anonymous Cartoonist Who Transformed Pop Culture,” a video essay by Matt TT (youtube.com/@mattwith4ts) published Jan. 20, 2024, on YouTube; “The Donald Duck as Prior Art Case,” an article by Arnoud Engelfriet published in 2006 on the Ius Mentis Website, iusmentis.com.)

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