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## Readers' picks for the "Best of the River"

### Woman of the Year



Melanie Brite

For the second year in a row - Melanie Stanley Brite has received the most votes as the Woman of the Year for her continuing contributions.

"Mel has been there for us all in the troubling times of attempting to rebuild," was the way one nomination read. Another thanked her for, "Always being there."

Each year, The Lane Council of Governments celebrates regional accomplishments for the prior year and recognizes elected officials, public employees, citizens, intergovernmental teams, economic enhancement work, and those that have dedicated their lives to public service.

This year the Outstand-

ing Citizen Award was presented to Melanie Stanley, for her work and contributions to the community as the "Unofficial Mayor" of Blue River.

Other community members said they were thankful for her service on local groups and boards, "as well as speaking up for us to government," another wrote.

"I'm so glad she's decided to rebuild her home and her business," commented a Blue River resident. "Hearing that helped me decide to stay here too."

Other nominees included Tia Cloke, Mary Ellen Wheeler and Gerry Aster.

### Man of the Year

"I'm amazed at all he does," was how the first vote we received started out. "He's a lot older than I am but I look up to the man as a source of inspiration," it continued.

Like the other award winners this year, "Walt" too has been on the recovery road after his home and beloved Vida McKenzie Community Center burned.

"When you look around you can see him continuing to volunteer with the



Walter Wilson

Bottle Boys, getting the Neighborhood Watch up

running again and being part of public meetings," was part of a message left on our phone.

"I know he's busy with all it takes to rebuild his house," wrote someone else. "Anyone else would step back and would've said they were too busy but Walt is spearheading the Community Center rebuilding too."

Also getting votes for Man of the Year were Tony Casad, Cliff Richardson, Pete Petty, and Rick Wilson.

### Business of the Year

Fairly new to the area, the Orchid Health Clinic was wiped out when the leased building that housed their exam rooms and office burned to the ground in Blue River. Nearly 80% of Orchid Health staff had to evacuate, and Dr. Tia Cloke's home burned too.

"Tia lost her home but chose to move back upriver and live in an RV for the past year so she could provide care for her patients," a supporter noted.

Soon after the fire, Orchid's staff was able to set up makeshift quarters inside the Rustic Skillet Quilt Shop in Rainbow, only a short distance from the edge of fire-ravaged areas.

Behind the scenes, nu-



From left: Orchid Health's Blue River staff includes Kelly Davis, Rosie Winters, Shainy Love, Tia Cloke, and Shawn DuFault.

merous hours of contacts with elected officials helped generate funds for further remodeling until a new building can be constructed. "They have transformed health care by responding and improving positively to our disaster," was another

voter's submission. "They wholeheartedly deserve this award."

Other votes were sent in nominating the Horse Creek Lodge, the McKenzie Station PUB, Takoda's Restaurant, and the Leaburg Store.

## Santiam Lodge readied for winter



Santiam Lodge

The southwest wall of the Santiam Lodge had been damaged by the heavy snow load in 2000. Luckily, a JobsCorps crew rebuilt the wall, making it structurally sound before this year's winter season.

2021 was the third year of the restoration work for the volunteer based Friends of the Santiam Pass Ski Lodge (FSPSL), despite difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This year a fully commercial electric system was installed, further structural

issues were repaired, windows sashes and jambs were restored, and siding work was initiated. Significant funding was procured, which organizers say puts them in a position to begin other work early in 2022.

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## Oregon's new watersheds director to prioritize effects of climate change

### More than \$170 million targeted for enhancing state waterways and protecting critical species

By Alex Baumhardt  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Lisa Charpiloz-Hanson learns best out in the field, which is how the new director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board found herself, first month on the job, standing over a bridge in Tillamook watching salmon and steelhead swim upstream. In her new role, Charpiloz-Hanson now has a hand in how to spend \$170 million each year for projects that improve fish and wildlife habitat across Oregon's waterways. The money, issued in grants, comes from state lottery profits, the sale of salmon license plates and federal funding.

One of the board's grants paid for the Tillamook bridge, which replaced a culvert that had blocked the fish from traveling freely. Charpiloz-Hanson wanted to see for herself what the dollars had made possible.

"Every time I see a project, and I am around the people that are doing the work, I can't help but get excited," She said.

Charpiloz-Hanson took the new job in November and leads a board of 18 drawn from state and federal natural resources agencies, tribes, conservation organizations

and the public. They meet four times a year to decide on which watershed conservation and restoration projects to fund and to establish a long-term strategy for the health of Oregon's rivers and streams.

Charpiloz-Hanson comes to the governor-appointed role after 20 years with the Oregon Department of Agriculture and years spent in food processing. In each of her roles, Charpiloz-Hanson relied on field trips.

In those early years, when she worked as a sales representative for Green Giant, the frozen and canned vegetable company, Charpiloz-Hanson went out to asparagus farms around eastern Washington to meet farmers, learn about their pesticide use, inspect their crops and enforce standards. The company sent her to live in Montgomery, Minnesota, for a summer, a town of about 3,000, to work on the corn harvest and help in the processing plant.

She welcomed the opportunity to understand, firsthand, every part of the system from start to finish.

"I wanted to get that experience and to **Effects of climate change - Page 6**

**McKenzie Eagles Sports Report**



By Cliff Richardson

**McKenzie Sports Schedule This Week**

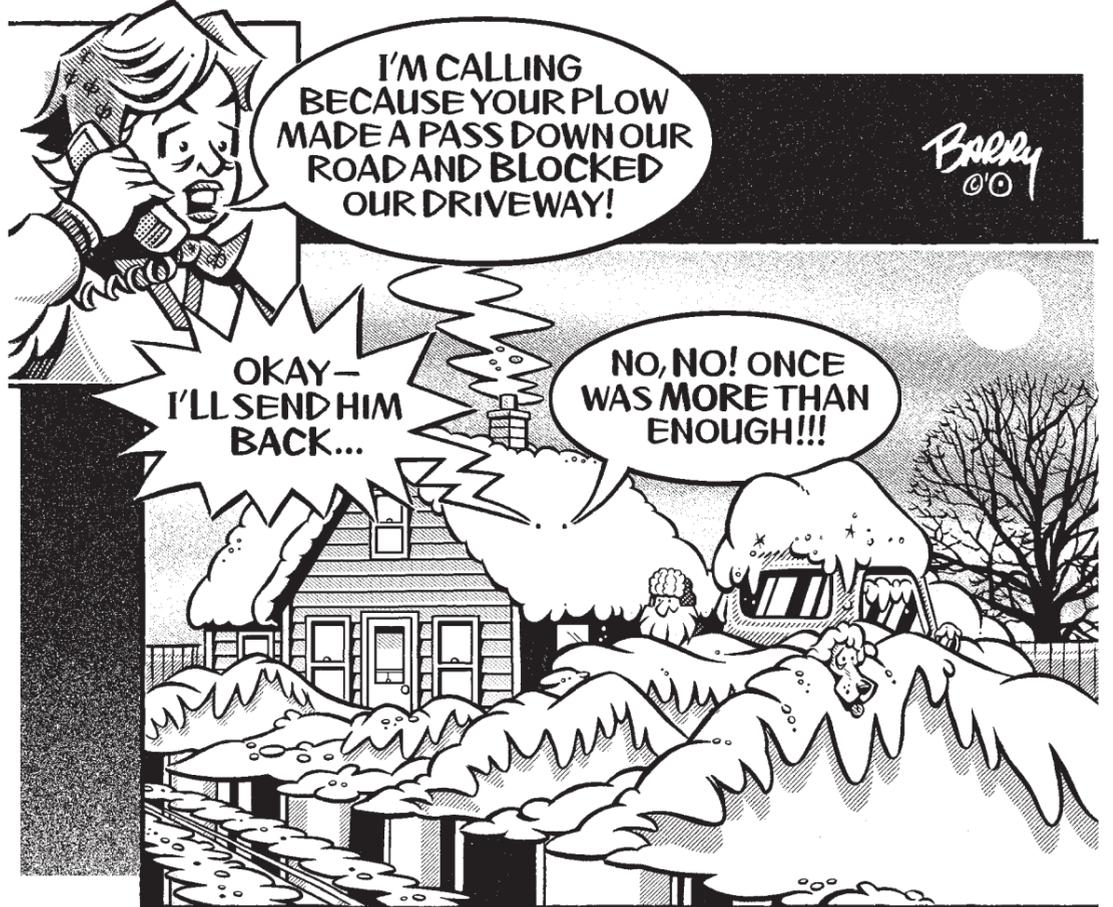
The McKenzie Varsity Girls Basketball team hosts Crow on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, with tip-off set for 5:30 pm. The Eagle Varsity Boys will follow versus Crow with a 7:00 pm game time scheduled. The Eagle Varsity Girls host Alsea on Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, and that game will start at 5:30 pm. The McKenzie Varsity Boys will host Alsea and tip-off at 7:00 pm.

**A Moment in History**

Info provided by History.com

On January 6, 1838, Samuel Morse's telegraph system was demonstrated for the first time in Morristown, New Jersey. Four years prior, he heard about the newly discovered electromagnet and came up with an idea for an electric telegraph.

In 1838, he demonstrated his invention using Morse code, in which dots and dashes represented letters and numbers. In 1843, he finally convinced a skeptical Congress to fund the construction of the first telegraph line in the United States, from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore. In May 1844, Morse sent the first official telegram over the line, with the message: "What hath God wrought!"



**Guest Opinion**

**Country is enduring an 'infodemic'**

By Regina Lawrence

As the anniversary approaches of the Jan. 6th storming of the nation's Capitol, and as the omicron-related spike in Covid cases spreads nationwide, we will be hearing a lot in the coming weeks about disinformation.

Mounting evidence suggests that disinformation played a critical role in both the ongoing pandemic and in ongoing support among some Americans for the attack on the capitol.

Disinformation is a serious blight on our country's ability to agree on basic facts and to conduct ourselves like a rational society. But it isn't the only information problem we face, and trying to tame the disinformation tide isn't the only solution for what ails us as a nation.

News and information systems are as critical to civic health as clean air and water – and common sense protections against the spread of viruses – are to public health. Just as our bodies need a healthy physical environment, our civic body needs a healthy news and information environment.

Because democracies (however imperfect) ultimately rest on what the public believes and will act upon, the quality of information that flows through a society is a key to its democratic health.

The growing disinformation "infodemic" poses a threat to our collective civic health. But too often, focusing on disinformation turns our attention away from its opposite: The flow of high quality, fact-based, inclusive, and trusted information.

If we want to create the conditions for a better-informed, civically healthier public, we need to look not only at how to control disinformation but also at how to strengthen sources of high-quality information.

And here, local news can play a critical role.

Recent research suggests, for example, that when local newspapers wither, that information gap is filled with people consuming more national news and social media. Because national news tends to be more partisan and conflict-filled, and social media prioritizes emotional responses, readers can then feel more angry or alienated, and their sense of connection to what's happening in their own local community can fade. Moreover, newspaper closures can lead to declines in split-ticket voting, meaning that polarization intensifies as local news supply declines.

One real-world experiment showed that when a local newspaper filled its opinion pages with discussion of local instead of national issues, political polarization in the community decreased.

This dynamic suggests that it's not only an increasing supply of disinformation that ails us, but also a decreasing supply of locally-grounded, trustworthy news. The Pew Research Center found that especially for people living in rural communities, news that is truly focused on the local community is in short supply.

Trust is crucial here.

Public distrust of the news media has increased significantly in recent years. The quality news supply issue is not just a problem of local news outlets struggling to produce more with less, as advertisers have moved to other platforms and newsroom resources have shriveled. It is also a problem with the kinds of content local news offers.

Peoples' daily news habits have changed, with fewer people dutifully reading the daily newspaper news no matter its quality. These days with more choices of media available, when people do not see the realities of their own communities portrayed engagingly, accurately and inclusively, they won't tune in.

In that context, it is more important than ever for local journalism to learn how to build trust with communities – which means learning to listen more carefully and respond more thoughtfully and inclusively to local concerns.

While it would be great to eliminate all disinformation, that is as unlikely as wiping out the coronavirus. But while we may have to learn to live with endemic disinformation, we must also find ways to increase the supply of its antidote: quality, trusted news. While we should continue to find ways to clamp down on disinformation, we also need to find ways to boost the supply of quality local news that communities trust.

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**Readied for winter**

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In early April, according to the FSPSL newsletter, timber from Strube Flats was loaded up and moved to Levi's Sawmill in La Pine. The cedar lumber was milled to make repairs to the exterior and interior of the lodge as well as repairs on the garage and construction of a pump house for a new well.

Other activities included finishing up the new electric system that was begun in 2019. Details included trenching over 700 feet from south of US 20, laying of two 4-inch conduits and installing two concrete vaults. The commercial electric panel was installed by Cassidy Keeton of Ridgeline Electric in Sisters. A few weeks later the Central Electric Cooperative crew came and ran the lines, installed the transformer and meter, then energized the system.

People working at the site included Heart of Oregon, a Central Oregon non-profit involving 16 to 24-year-olds by providing job skills training, education, and leadership development. Three crews from Heart of Oregon worked at the lodge in the summer of 2021 performing general cleaning and clearing, digging out the trench for electric and water lines, clearing downed trees, and sealing the cedar siding for the lodge. We are so thankful

to The Roundhouse Foundation in Sisters subsidized the cost of the labor for Friends of Santiam Pass Ski Lodge making the work on the lodge possible for a fraction of the cost.

In league with HistoriCorps, a five-person crew from the Job Corps worked on the lodge from late-September through mid-October. Workers with that crew rebuilt the front southwest wall that was damaged by heavy snow in 2000. They also repaired significant dry rot problems in the dining hall. In addition, 80 feet of sill plates and rim joists were replaced, much of which was severely deteriorated.

The FSPSL group estimates the restoration will cost about 2.5 million dollars. That amount includes site improvements, but not all of the improvements planned before the lodge opens for operation.

One of the major challenges for 2022 is funding for the septic and well systems. The current systems are no longer restorable, so a completely new water and septic systems is needed. The FSPSL says both are necessary for operations and with them in place they say they can work on the lodge interior through the winter. An exact price tag hasn't yet been pinned down, but is expected to be between \$300,000 to 400,000.

**Letters to the Editor**



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**WEATHER REPORT**

Friday 1/7		Saturday 1/8		Sunday 1/9	
McKenzie Valley Rain 80% chance precip High: 49 Low: 42	Santiam Pass Snow 90% chance precip High: 2 Low: -3	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 51 Low: 35	Santiam Pass AM Snow Showers 40% chance precip High: 2 Low: -5	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 52 Low: 39	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 2 Low: -3

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM				READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE			
Date	High	Low	Rain Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain Riverflow
12/28	32	26	0.07 NA	12/28	33	28	0.05 6,740 cfs
12/29	37	29	0.12 NA	12/29	36	28	0.61 5,110 cfs
12/30	35	29	0.36 786 cfs	12/30	37	31	0.03 4,480 cfs
12/31	37	32	0.39 688 cfs	12/31	36	33	0.53 4,480 cfs
1/1	35	28	0.84 688 cfs	1/1	39	25	0.23 4,270 cfs
1/2	37	26	0.94 717 cfs	1/2	38	27	0 4,030 cfs
1/3	32	32	0.53 717 cfs	1/3	52	32	0.86 4,070 cfs

# Sheriff's Report

**Dec. 27: 1:53 a.m.:** Traffic Hazard - Angels Flight Rd. & McK. Hwy.

**6:11 a.m.:** Motor Vehicle Accident - Marcola Rd. Milepost 14.

**9:23 a.m.:** Tree Down - 35900 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**10:46 a.m.:** Fire, Downed Line - McK. Hwy. & Robby Ln.

**11:36 a.m.:** Fire, Downed Line - 93700 blk, Marcola Rd.

**Dec. 28: 3:01 a.m.:** Assist, Follow Up - 1100 blk, McCauley St.

**7:22 a.m.:** Assist, Follow Up - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**7:28 a.m.:** Disturbance, Dispute - 39900 blk, Log Creek Rd. A caller reported a verbal argument at a residence. Parties were separated.

**8:24 a.m.:** Vehicle In Ditch - Marcola Rd. & Alder Branch Rd.

**9:16 a.m.:** Burglary - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy. A male suspect broke into an area business and stole an undisclosed value of items. The suspect was driving a blue Ford pickup.

**Dec. 29: 8:22 a.m.:** Welfare

Check - 36100 blk, McGowan Creek Rd.

**9:51 a.m.:** Disturbance, Dispute - 93700 blk, Booth Kelly Rd. A caller reported that his landlord has been threatening tenants, blocking the gate and shutting off the water.

**Dec. 30: 10:11 a.m.:** Abandoned Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

**2:55 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**3:47 p.m.:** Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**4:09 p.m.:** Traffic Hazard - McK. Hwy. & Deer Creek Rd.

**4:51 p.m.:** Trespassing, Illegal Camping - McK. River Dr. & Mill Creek Rd.

**5:09 p.m.:** Suspicious Vehicle - 90300 blk, Thomson Ln. Caller reported a white van had been parked by the boat ramp. The van departed shortly thereafter.

**6:46 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**6:57 p.m.:** Criminal Trespass - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd. Caller advised that a male known to the area went through the trash cans near the fuel pumps. The male had previously been trespassing around the location.

**7:39 p.m.:** Suspicious Vehicle - Missy Ln. & Camp Creek Rd. Deputies checked on a parked vehicle parked in the area.

**Dec. 31: 11:10 a.m.:** Citizen Contact - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**12:01 p.m.:** Abandoned Vehicle - McK. River Dr. & Mill Creek Rd.

**1:18 p.m.:** Warrant Service - McK. Hwy. & N. Gate Creek Rd.

**2:43 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Holden Creek Ln.

**3:01 p.m.:** Suspicious Vehicle - Holden Creek Ln. & McK. Hwy.

**7:12 p.m.:** Citizen Contact - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**9:33 p.m.:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Camp Creek Rd & Stephens Rd.

**10:49 p.m.:** Driving While Suspended - Donna Rd. & Hill Rd.

**Jan. 1: 1:31 p.m.:** Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Carson St.

**2:01 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Horse Creek Rd.

**2:14 p.m.:** Abandoned Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Horse Creek Rd.

**3:36 p.m.:** Suspicious Vehicle - Lat: 44.099035 Long: - 122.698069.

**5:30 p.m.:** Assist Public - McK. Bridge area.

**7:32 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - McGowan Creek Rd. Mp. 2.

**8:50 p.m.:** Disabled Vehicle - McGowan Creek Rd. Mp. 8.

**9:33 p.m.:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. Mp. 19.

**Jan. 2: 9:01 a.m.:** Suspicious Vehicle - Lat: 44.099035 Long: - 122.698069.

**10:05 a.m.:** Suspicious Condi-

tions - McK. Hwy. Mp. 37.

**10:48 a.m.:** Suspicious Vehicle - 91600 blk, Donna Rd.

**3:40 p.m.:** Suspicious Conditions - 92200 blk, Carson St.

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

# State Police Report

**Dec. 31: 07:45:** Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 10. Troopers dispatched to report of single motor vehicle crash, no injury. Investigation revealed a Silver 2009 Dodge R25 Truck was traveling EB on SR-126E when the vehicle began to slide on ice. Operator advised they attempted to stop the vehicle, however the Dodge struck an EWEB power pole and sustained damage to the driver portion of the Dodge. The vehicle came to rest in bushes on private property. A mailbox on the property was struck during the crash. The power pole sustained substantial damage and EWEB personnel arrived on-scene to assess/secure the power pole and power lines. Provided a crash report to the property owner, operator, and EWEB. Involved: silver/aluminum Dodge R25, 20-year-old female from Creswell.

# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Dec. 27: 8:04:** 88000 block, Bridge St. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

**8:15** McK. Hwy./Milepost 18. Down Line. Cancelled, No Hazard.

**12:57** McK. Hwy./MP 24 Down Line. Line Removed.

**19:01:** 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**22:42:** 88000 blk, Partridge Ln. **Continued On Page 7**

# Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**Dec. 26: 16:19:** Motor Vehicle Accident - Clear Lake Cutoff, Milepost 18. Involved 3 - 4 cars over a 5-mile radius.

**Dec. 27: 13:57:** MVA - Clear Lake Cutoff, Mp. 16. Involved several vehicles & a semi trailer.

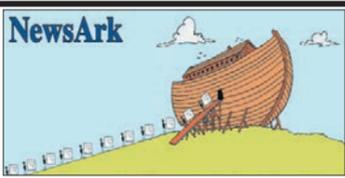
**20:27:** Medical - 56000 block McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**23:40:** Fire Alarm - 57000 blk, McK. Hwy. Smoke inside.

**Dec. 28: 13:38:** Medical - 56000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**Dec. 29: 20:33:** Medical - 57000 blk, N. Bank Rd. Male patient.

**Dec. 30: 15:19:** Assist Police Dept. - McK. Hwy. /Mp. 41. Deputy stopped a vehicle that is on fire. **Continued On Page 5**



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**Get A Fair Deal** Check the Classifieds on Page 7

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**McKenzie Pass has reopened**  
The Oregon Department of Transportation reopened the historic McKenzie Pass Highway on Monday, August 6, following a 12-day closure imposed because of the Black Creek wildfire.

**Lightning strike ignites 5 acre fire near Blue River**  
BLUE RIVER: Fire fighters were granted up for what was likely to be a challenging day on Tuesday. The day before, multiple afternoon and evening thunderstorms collected 3.8 inches of rain throughout the Williams National Forest. The largest of the fires was seen this morning (August 5) as a fire in the area of approximately 5 miles east of the community of Blue River.

**Neighbors oppose new fishing lodge**  
BLUE RIVER: A proposal to build a 20,000 square foot fishing lodge on the site of a former public housing site for August 1962, is being held in a public hearing at the Eugene Harris Hall. The planned development would include a 15,000 square foot parking area and a large eight-story McKenzie River river-view resort building.

**Hunters restore important meadow for wildlife**  
BLUE RIVER: A group of hunters were busy last week protecting and restoring a meadow in the Williams National Forest. About a dozen members of the Lane County-based Emerald Valley Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association spent August 6 and 7 working with the U.S. Forest Service building a fence as well as cutting and thinning trees to provide important habitat for deer, elk and other wildlife.

**Extreme water sport banned at local reservoirs**  
PORTLAND: Kin sailing has been prohibited at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-managed reservoirs in Lane County, Oregon, including Upper and Lower Reservoirs, the agency announced last week. The ban includes the use of inflatable rafts, kayaks, and other watercraft.

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# Rabies epidemic was like a war

By Finn J.D. John

To Dr. W.H. Lytle, Oregon's state veterinarian, the entire idea was preposterous. A rabies outbreak in northeast Oregon? Bah. Rabies was barely known west of the Rockies.

"However," he added — no doubt with an exasperated sigh — "we intend to investigate the situation in Wallowa County and ascertain the facts at once."

Two weeks later, on Aug. 21, 1910, Dr. Lytle was back and ready to announce what he'd learned. As expected, he'd found no evidence of rabies, he told the Portland Morning Oregonian. And as for that torrent of panicky letters from Eastern Oregon residents — letters telling of coyotes wandering into people's yards in broad daylight and attacking their pets, of docile pigs turning vicious and chasing farmers up trees — why, that was probably nothing but a few cases of strychnine poisoning. There was nothing to worry about.

The Oregonian must have been convinced. They ran the story on Page One under a headline reading, "REPORT OF RABIES WRONG."

Oops

The very next day, also on Page One, the Oregonian ran another headline. It read, "Shepherd of Washington Lies at Point of Death."

It seemed a shepherd, far up in the hills tending to his flock, had been attacked and bitten by a mad coyote a couple weeks before. Now, the paper said, he was about 30 miles from medical attention, along the Snake River, in late stages of rabies and very unlikely to survive another day. And across the river in Idaho, two boys had already died of the disease.

The great Eastern Oregon Coyote War had claimed its first few human victims. Rabies had come to the Beaver State. And it was only going to get worse.

The coyote's personality change Throughout the next few years rabies spread remorselessly through the rest of the state.



OSU Archive/U.S. Forest Service  
**This is J.R. Carper, the U.S. Forest Service government trapper, posing on the front porch of a log cabin in 1908 with the skins of a number of predatory animals he's killed. This was two years before the rabies outbreak, when Carper's trapping expertise would be called upon to help reduce the population of potentially rabid coyotes.**

Residents would know the dreaded disease had reached their area when coyotes suddenly started appearing in broad daylight, seemingly not caring if anyone saw them or not. Residents found this unnatural behavior extremely disconcerting.

"The coyote — the poor, miserable coyote — an animal of such nature and habits that its name and that of coward are almost synonymous, who shuns man as Satan does holy water, under the influence of this infection becomes as fierce, ferocious and venomous as the cornered cougar, the wounded tiger or the bear," the Klamath Falls Evening Herald wrote, rather turgidly, in early 1915. "The change of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde was never so complete as the change of the slinking, cowardly night prowler into the wildly attacking, fighting animal whose fangs are charged with a poison that means sure death to those inoculated and untreated."

If a rabid animal bit you in the 1910s, you probably would not die — that is, if you sought treatment right away. Louis Pasteur and

his lab staff had invented the rabies treatment 25 years earlier, and it was well known and, after the state realized what it was up against, practiced. But it was painful and it was unpleasant and occasionally someone would have a bad reaction to it and die — so the stakes were fairly high.

A growing panic Newspapers issued a steady patter of dark warnings as incidents became more and more common. Coyotes were seen slaving in the streets of towns and cities from Prineville to Burns, their mouths full of red foam, their tongues hanging out the side and dripping blood from having been bitten hard and repeatedly under the influence of the madness.

The newspapers quickly filled with stories of rabid dogs and cats, of coyote attacks, of people bitten and saved because they quickly got vaccinated — and of people bitten and dead because they didn't. Dog owners were ordered to muzzle their animals. A Portland man was prosecuted after his dog, which was supposed to be on rabies watch, got loose and bit a 9-year-old boy. Bounties

on coyote pelts reached dizzying new heights, and poisoned coyote bait was hopefully distributed all over the landscape.

Residents wore pistols on their hips, but shotguns were the tool of choice, since a rabies-crazed animal could sometimes charge through a hail of bullets but a charge of bird shot would knock it physically backward. And shotguns could be heard going off with increasing frequency in Eastern Oregon towns as each season wore on.

The Coyote War's darkest hour The summer of 1916 was the nadir of the rabies epidemic.

"People living in Crook and Deschutes counties in 1916 had to practice ceaseless vigilance," historian David Braly writes. "A man could be working, a woman hanging her laundry or a child playing when suddenly a snarling and vicious coyote, foam dripping from its mouth, would spring from nearby woods to the attack."

At night, people in lay awake in bed listening to the sounds of infected coyotes and cougars stumbling around outside their homes, dragging paralyzed hindquarters. Sometimes these animals would still be there in the morning, having succumbed to the fatal disease.

The maddened animals took a heavy toll on livestock as well, attacking and biting slow-moving cattle and sheep and picking poison-fanged fights with dogs. Carcasses of all kinds of animals, all dead of rabies, littered the landscape. Bats were everywhere, flying at mid-day, landing on animals and biting.

"No place, including buildings, was safe from rabid animals," Braly writes. "One woman near Prineville was forced to flee out of her own kitchen when a crazed mountain lion crashed through the window."

Things get better

But 1917 was a little better, and by 1918 some hopeful voices were actually suggesting that the **Rabies epidemic - Page 8**



By Slim Randles

"And that's another thing," Herb said, with finality, "Changing that dang year on everything we write, every January. Goes against human nature."

"Well I might just have an answer to your problem, Herb," said Doc, sipping and dunking and stirring. "Why don't we, here at the philosophy counter, pick out a year we like and stick with it? Date everything we do with that year. It might start a movement, you never know."

Steve looked up from his coffee and twitched his voluminous mustache then twitched it again to make sure he got it right the first time.

"So Doc," he said, "you're saying we should just pick a year and live with it? Okay, so which year would you pick?"

"I think it would have more of an effect if it would be the same year for all of us here. My choice of year might not agree with yours, you know."

"I was thinking of 19 and 87, myself," said Steve. "Won the team roping that year. Got it on my belt buckle."

"There you go. You got the right idea, Pard. Herb, how about you?"

"Dog died. In '87, I mean. Just woke up one morning and there she was, dead. I couldn't do '87."

"Sorry, Herb. Dud?"

"Haven't got to that year yet, Doc," Dud said. "It'll be the year I finish that darn book."

We all nodded.

"If that there favor-ite year comes in the bowels of the chicken yard, like it says in the Farmer's Almanac, that'd be good, doncha think?"

Doc nodded. "And which year would that be, Windy?"

"Ain't sure. Don't have no Farmer's Almanac at the moment."

"Let's get some more coffee and give it some thought," said Herb.

"I'll second that," said Steve.

"Can't," said Windy. "Ain't been firsted yet."

## Quote of the Week

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."

Harry S Truman

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## Needs assessment for wildfire survivors

The McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group (MVLTRG) is launching a survey that will help service providers identify the obstacles to rebuilding and recovery faced by Holiday Farm Fire survivors.

"If we understand what people really need to help rebuild their homes and lives, we can advocate better for resources, materials and volunteers," said the MVLTRG's executive director, Devin Thompson. "The community needs assessment is a very important step in the long-term recovery of our McKenzie Valley community."

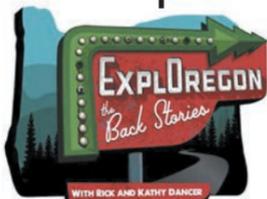
The survey is estimated to take most people about 15 minutes to

complete. The information gathered in the survey includes where survivors were living before the fire, where they are living now, the progress they have made, and what they still need to recover.

The MVLTRG asks that survivors submit only one response per household. The first 500 households to submit a survey will receive a \$10 Walmart gift card.

To participate in the survey, fire survivors can visit [www.McKenzieValleyLTRG.org](http://www.McKenzieValleyLTRG.org) before January 31, 2022. In-person opportunities to take the survey will be announced after the first of the year.

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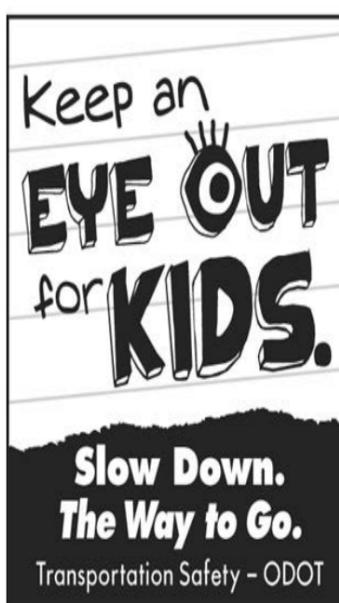
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## In Memory

### Dalton Miars



Dalton Armand Miars fell asleep in death in Lane County on December 22, 2021 at the age of 30, due to a tragic accident.

Dalton lived his entire life in the state of Oregon. He was born in Eugene, June 17th, 1991, and spent the first few years of his life living in Springfield. At the age of 6 he moved to Marcola for a year. From there he and his family resided in Leaburg where he spent the rest of his youth. While growing up, more than anything else, he loved to spend time with his dad, Jeff, who resided in Myrtle Creek. As an adult Dalton lived in the Eugene/Springfield and Riddle area.

Those who knew Dalton would describe him as shy and very kind, with gentle brown eyes and a beautiful smile. He made people happy with his great sense

of humor, putting on wigs, quirky clothes and silly faces with the desire to bring joy and laughter to those around him. Being near the water, where he could swim, fish or go rafting, is what brought him joy. He also enjoyed cooking for others, skateboarding and creating art projects using his imagination and reclaimed items.

But more than anything else Dalton loved his children. They were the light of his life, and he was the light of theirs. A friend to everyone he met, Dalton especially had a desire to help those who were down on their luck, and he did to the best of his ability.

He was dearly loved by his family and friends.

Dalton is preceded in death by his first son, Winter Miars. He is survived by his daughter Amilia Miars, age 7, his son Maddix Miars age 6, his father Jeffery Miars and step mother RaeAnn Miars, his Momma Connie Akers, his step father Brad Akers, as well as 2 brothers, 4 sisters, 1 stepbrother, 2 step sisters, 2 grandmothers and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

All of us will miss him beyond measure.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Major Family Funeral Home in Springfield. Visit [majorfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://majorfamilyfuneralhome.com) to sign the online guest book and see the service live streamed.

## Community Notes

### Local students make OSU Honor Roll

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll Fall 2021 have been announced by Oregon State University. A total of 8,043 students earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Local students on the Honor

Roll included: Sophia K. Brownlee, Junior from Blue River, majoring in Natural Resources; Galen O. Fox, a Junior from McKenzie Bridge, Renewable Materials; Anna L. McNutt of Vida, a Juniormajoring in Tourism, Rec, & Adventure Lead; and Brianna Herrick from Herrick Farms in Waltherville, who is on the Dean's list. She is a senior with a Ag science major.

### January 20

#### Leaburg Food Pantry

The Leaburg Food Pantry is open from 3 to 6 p.m. at the McKenzie Bible Fellowship, 45061 McKenzie Hwy. All are welcome!

#### D.C. Scholarship

Lane Electric Cooperative is offering an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D. C. from June 18-24. Applications are due no later than Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, by 4 p.m. View the full application at: [2022-NRECA-Youth-Tour-Scholarship-Guidelines-Application](http://2022-NRECA-Youth-Tour-Scholarship-Guidelines-Application)

## Effects of climate change

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diversify my background," she said.

#### Rural roots

Charpilloz-Hanson grew up on a farm in the rural, unincorporated community of Monitor, between Woodburn and Mt. Angel. The farm wasn't her parents' primary source of income – they both worked other jobs – but the family grew a variety of crops and it inspired her to study agriculture and economics at Oregon State University.

After graduating in 1989, she took the job with Green Giant and worked with the Washington AgForestry Leadership Program to help farmers and foresters develop knowledge and skills in public policy, and to teach about how such policies impact society, the environment and natural resources.

"I think that's really one of the places where my interest was piqued in terms of public service," she said. It made her want to "work on public policies that really impacted the larger picture related to people and natural resources and the intersection of them."

She returned to Oregon to work at the state Agriculture Department, managing the department's commodities commission program, which oversees 22 groups of producers, farmers and public representatives who make fiduciary decisions about everything from commercial fish to grain.

In issuing an award for her service at the Agriculture Department, her bosses wrote that Charpilloz-Hanson worked at "almost every level of the depart-

ment." She eventually ascended to the director's office, where she worked as deputy director for 16 years.

Charpilloz-Hanson had applied for the job of director in 2016 but Gov. Kate Brown ultimately appointed Alexis Taylor, who formerly led the U.S. Department of Agriculture's farming and trade program in developing countries.

Charpilloz-Hanson continued to serve as deputy director under Taylor.

She said there were a handful of agencies she had always kept in mind as others she would want to work for.

She told herself, "If the opportunity to lead them were to come to fruition, I wanted to throw my hat in the ring."

One of them was the Watershed Enhancement Board. She applied, and waited. Charpilloz-Hanson was confirmed by the Senate in November for a four-year term.

Leadership on controversial issues

In announcing Charpilloz-Hanson as her nominee, Brown said Charpilloz-Hanson was chosen for "her leadership in controversial natural resources issues and regulation."

She's overseen regulation and enforcement of farm fertilizers, pesticides and confined animal feeding operations. She created a compliance program for agricultural water quality in the state, controversial because it was voluntary and because it was overseen by the Agriculture Department, not the Department of Environmental Quality. She spent 14 years as the legislative liaison between the Department of Agriculture and state politicians, working on natural resources policy issues, including many that affected agricultural water quality and quantity issues in the Klamath Basin.

"Working in the natural resources arena is really complicated," she said. "It seems like if you solve one problem, it has an impact on something else. So there's always this like, push pull thing going on and so, you know, being creative and identifying workable solutions can be incredibly challenging."

Barbara Boyer, a hay farmer from McMinnville, is co-chair of the Water Enhancement Board. She said being able to identify workable solutions across a broad set of interests will be one of the big challenges Charpilloz-Hanson takes on in her new role.

"She'll be focusing on learning the business of all the partners of OWEB," Boyer said about the various watershed councils, state

agencies and nonprofits vying for money from the board. "She has a lot to learn, and she's capable of it."

Boyer has known Charpilloz-Hanson for about 15 years, working across various committees and boards, including about 10 years on the state Board of Agriculture, which advises the Department of Agriculture on policy issues.

"These restoration projects are huge," Boyer said of what the Watershed Enhancement Board takes on, "and I see her get so excited."

Prioritizing projects to combat climate change

Among the projects Charpilloz-Hanson and the board want to take on in the year ahead, she said mitigating the effects of climate change is a priority.

"Thinking about ag and working lands, that includes forestry as well, and how they play a role in adaptation and mitigation for climate change, and where we can put investments that will get the most bang for the buck in those areas," she said.

She wants to put money behind the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program, which encourages farmers to arrange easements on their lands that allow continued farming but no other development. Getting such easements often requires payments or tax incentives, and so far the four-year old program has not received any funding.

Jan Lee is executive director at the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, where she represents 45 local soil and water conservation districts. She worked with Charpilloz-Hanson at the Agriculture Department on water quality issues, and said she was excited she'd taken on the role. The two will be working closely, as Lee's organization vies for grants from the Watershed Enhancement Board.

"We want a carbon sequestration program. That's important to us," Lee said.

She wants the board to create grants to help watershed councils afford technical staff who can help farmers and foresters implement and track projects on their lands that sequester carbon.

Charpilloz-Hanson also wants to focus on keeping agricultural runoff out of water and ensuring watersheds are part of efforts to maintain clean drinking water for communities.

"I think about water quality generally, and clean drinking water for people, as well as what we can do to prevent pollution from ag and working lands and how OWEB money gets put on the ground," she said.

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## Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

### Not Love But Libido

I am quite confused at the moment. I am 19 and live in England. I have a friend called Eric, who I met two years ago in college. He is quite shy, but we got on well and I became his best female friend.

I always liked Eric in a slightly different way than my other male friends. About a year ago, my friend Tish told me she thought Eric fancied me, too. I didn't tell Eric how I felt as I didn't want to ruin our friendship. A few weeks later, we went out to a pub with friends, and Eric and I "made out" as the Americans say. It was a bit awkward the following week, but I knew I really liked him.

This has happened five or six times since then. It's like we are having a little fling. The only thing is, Eric has always been drunk or drinking when this stuff happens. Is it true that you don't lie when you're drunk but only say things you wouldn't normally be brave enough to say? I think alcohol gives Eric courage, but he can also be really loud and stupid.

I like the shy but sweet Eric I became friends with, but it is only when he is drunk that things happen. I don't like anyone half as much as him, but when he is sober, he has said he doesn't want to go out with me as boyfriend and

girlfriend. I am frustrated things are not going anywhere, and we are not as close as we used to be. Please tell me your thoughts.

Lauren  
Lauren, you are taking the answer you want from the drunk Eric, the Eric you don't like, and trying to apply it to the sober Eric, the Eric who doesn't want to date you. This isn't going to wash.

Alcohol lowers inhibitions, it is not a shortcut to truth. We have known many accomplished liars who reach new heights when drunk. If Eric becomes amorous when drinking, it's his libido that's showing, not truth or love or kismet. Take Eric at his word when he is sober.

Wayne & Tamara

### No Excuses

A year ago in December, my husband confessed to me that he had an affair with a younger woman. To this day I still find it hard to "be with him." He told me so many lies and deceived me so often, how can I ever trust him completely again?

He did this to me at Christmas time, so this year I found it hard to celebrate Christmas but I got through it! Whenever we are "together," I find myself picturing him and her and I end up crying. Since the affair happened I have

been on medication for depression, and I am still on it today.

We have gone through counseling and neither the counselor nor my husband can figure out why he did it! Shouldn't there be an answer to why? We hadn't even been fighting when he had the affair. I thought everything was going great. Do you have any advice for me?

Piper

Piper, the one thing that makes marriage different from all other relationships is fidelity. It is the sign you are united mentally and physically with someone else. Having an affair reduces intimacy to just having sex, and that is why you keep seeing your husband with the other woman.

Your husband did what he did intentionally. He won't give you an honest explanation because he knows how you would react. Perhaps you should be grateful your counselor hasn't offered psychological alibis to excuse his behavior and obscure the issue. In a sense, there is nothing to counsel. What he has done, can't be undone. You can't unbake a cake.

Now you have to decide what is right for you. No "why" will make what he did acceptable.

Wayne & Tamara

*Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of Age Difference Relationships, When Is the Gap Insurmountable, available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.*

## American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

Albert Goldbarth's imagination has the unique penchant for a certain absurdist insistence on the delight we can derive from strangeness. The poet hears his wife singing and thinks of a horse's skull. This seems like a prelude to intimations of mortality (the poem's title is, after all, "Tough Day: Closure"), but then, what happens is not quite humor, but dogged joy, "as if the brain/ is determined to sing and fly". And the image that stays with me is this one, a bird rising out of a horse's skull.

### Tough Day: Closure

By Albert Goldbarth

Upstairs, in the bath, my wife is humming some made-up tune in which the mood of a zoned-out happiness willfully prevails.

Why do I suddenly think of the horse skull that I saw last year in the countryside?

Because a bird rose out of it,

as if the brain is determined to sing and fly, the brain is determined to sing and fly no matter what.

*We do not accept unsolicited submissions. American Life*

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**22:58:** 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Electrical Problem. Power Out, No Fire On Arrival.

**Dec. 28: 11:11:** 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, No Transport.

**11:15:** 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Dec. 29: 8:42:** 88000 blk, Hill Rd. Fire, Structure. Assisted McK Valley Fire.

**10:00:** 41000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**22:49:** 9000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Dec. 30: 1:55:** 1400 blk, 66th St. False Alarm. HVAC Issue, No Fire.

**15:19:** 41000 blk, Madrone St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Dec. 31: 7:43:** 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury, Powerlines Down.

**14:31:** 37000 blk, Worth Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**19:12:** Deerhorn Rd./McK. Hwy. Hazardous Situation. Small Landslide, Notified Lane County.

**19:19:** 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Structure Fire. Fire Extinguished.

**20:48:** 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assistance Provided.

**21:31:** Camp Creek Rd./Stevens Rd. MVA. Non-Injury, Non-Blocking.

**23:54:** 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Confirmed Deceased.

**Jan. 2: 20:35:** 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Lift Assist. Lift Assistance Provided.

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# Rabies epidemic

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Three coyote hunters pose with their guns and their quarry in downtown Burns in front of a very early Model T Ford bearing 1913 license tags. At the time this photo was taken, the Eastern Oregon rabies outbreak was a growing problem, and bounties paid for coyote pelts made this sort of thing lucrative.

epidemic was over.

It wasn't over, of course. Rabies in Eastern Oregon would continue to be a problem for at least a decade after that. In the early 1930s, newspaper articles were still bringing word of an infected cow here, a coyote attack there, and taking the whole thing very seriously.

But the summers of madness, of neighbors walking out to get the mail and stopping to chat with loaded shotguns tucked under their arms, of schools canceled for fear the children would be attacked en route — those days were, thankfully, over.

(Sources: Braly, David. *Tales from the Oregon Outback*.)

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