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### Sheriff's Reports

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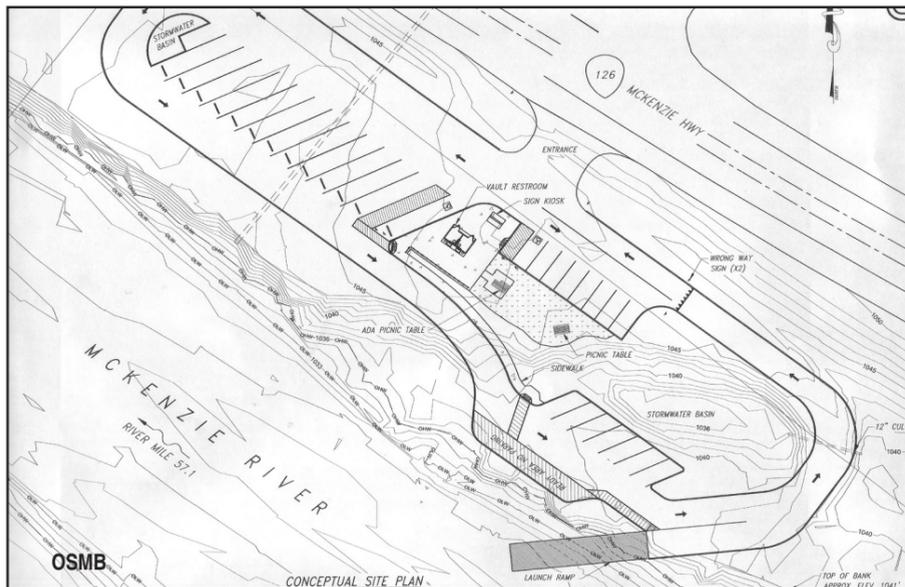
### Clay is forever?

When you walk about your yard on a wet day, do your shoes stick in the mud?

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## Forest Glen improvements

### Preliminary plans up for review



Changes under study for the Forest Glen Boat Landing could include consolidation of three launches into one and the construction of paved parking for 15 cars and 12 boat trailers.

FINN ROCK: Representatives from the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) and Lane County Parks brought a preliminary peek at what a rebuilt Forest Glen Boat Landing could look like during a presentation at the McKenzie High School

gym on Monday night.

Lane County Parks Manager Brett Henry stressed that what people were being shown was just a preliminary concept designed for generating public input. Two key components of the proposal

included the launch areas and parking.

Currently, several users of the site have been parking vehicles and trailers in the right-of-way along Hwy. 126. Under the proposal, a new parking area, inside **Forest Glen- Page 9**

## Showing some love for the Lake

### Preservation proponents show up in Leaburg



People who want to see the Leaburg Dam and the lake it created remain in existence made a showing last Sunday. They brandished "Save the Lake" signs atop the dam and amongst a flotilla of boats and kayaks nearby. Currently, the Eugene Water & Electric Board, which built the structures for hydropower generation over 70 years ago, is mulling over ways to either repair to remove the infrastructure. Two proposals that would preserve the dam and lake involve either a full or limited return to power production. Removal options could also require the restoration of lands along a five-mile stretch of levees as well as the turbines and generators.

## Fire levy on the ballot

### Upper McKenzie is asking for renewed support

Voters in the eastern portion of the McKenzie Valley are being asked to support emergency services when they mark their ballots for the November 8<sup>th</sup> election. If the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District's request for renewal of its local option tax levy is approved, the current rate of 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value would contin-

ue. That amount translates to about \$90 per year for a home assessed at \$150,000.

In a fact sheet provided by the district, officials note they provide coverage for the communities of Blue River, Rainbow, and McKenzie Bridge. Over the last year, first responders have gone to the scene of about 230 calls, which is a 24% increase over the prior

year.

Money from the levy would augment the district's operating budget, which includes expenditures for training, protective gear and emergency medical equipment, maintenance, fuel, and wages that include limited reimbursements for volunteers, as well as public outreach and fire prevention activities.

## Time to watch for wildlife

### Change of seasons have deer & elk on the move

Vehicle collisions with deer and elk tend to peak in October and November, when migration and breeding (the "rut") puts them on the move, making them more likely to cross roads. Fewer daylight hours and rainy weather also reduce drivers' visibility.

On average, the Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) documents more than 6,000 vehicle collisions with deer and elk each year. The actual number of collisions is likely higher, as many are not reported if there is minimal damage or no human injuries.

The Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) and ODOT are asking Oregonians to Watch out for Wildlife this time of year and follow these tips:

\* Be careful when driving in areas that have special signs indicating the possible presence of wildlife. These signs are posted for a reason.

\* Be alert in areas with dense vegetation along the road or while going around curves. Wildlife near the road may not be visible.

If you see one animal, stay alert. There

**Watch for wildlife- Page 6**

## Do you have flood coverage?

### Updates to FEMA maps show areas of concern

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) proposed updates to flood maps for Central Lane County in the mail of local residents. Affected property owners began receiving annual Community Rating System floodplain letters at the end of September.

"Our partners at FEMA have done a great job cre-

ating opportunities for residents to view, learn about and provide feedback on these maps," said Lane County Planning Director Amber Bell.

Officials say the updated flood maps better represent flood risks in the county by showing areas with the highest flood risk. Before the maps become final, people can identify any

corrections or question the information by submitting appeals or comments. The maps also reflect the effects of wildfires on the study area since the release of the initial preliminary maps in February 2020.

The Risk MAP process included state recommendations, local community interest, available data, and **Flood coverage- Page 9**



ODFW

Caution is urged while wildlife are increasingly on the move around Oregon's highways.

# Letters to the Editor

## Still missing

The following is an update on our missing son/brother/uncle, Shane Sprenger from Vida, OR.

It was 1 year ago, Tuesday, November 2, 2021, that Shane Sprenger was last seen at his home in Vida. His truck was found a few days later off Mill Creek Road near Blue River Reservoir.

Shane was a local contractor who was working on a house in McKenzie Bridge on the morning of November 2nd. Around 10 am, with his tools plugged in at the job site, he went back to his home in Vida supposedly for lunch. He hasn't been seen since and from there, the accounts of what happened are inconsistent at best. His disappearance is being regarded as under suspicion by law enforcement. He was the hardest worker we've ever known and there is no way he was not planning on returning to the job site. His case remains open and active and while there is not a lot of new information in the case, we are hopeful. A new investigator took over the case this summer and the case is being looked at with a fresh set of

eyes, progress is being made by following up on any leads and re-reviewing the details.

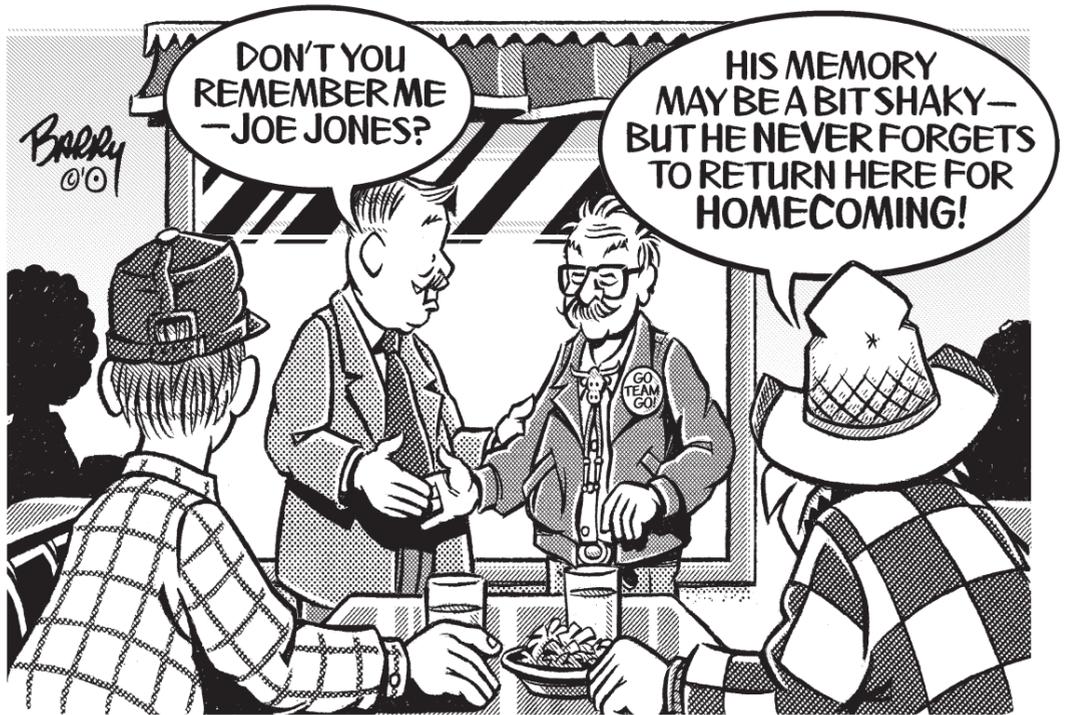
We would like to ask the community for help. Please remain vigilant, and keep your eyes open for anything out of the ordinary, no matter how small, especially in the areas that his cell phone traveled on the night of and the morning after his disappearance, from Mill Creek Road near the Blue River Reservoir to the areas surrounding his old property near MP 43 off Hwy. 126. His home at this location burned down in the Holiday Farm Fire, he was living just down the river on a new property where he had planned to build his new home.

Updates on the case can be followed on Facebook:

Missing in Blue River Oregon area: Find Shane Sprenger

If you see anything or know or heard about what happened to Shane, please contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150 and reference case number 21-6268.

With much gratitude,  
Shane's family (mother, sisters, nieces & nephews)



**McKenzie Eagles Sports Report**

By Cliff Richardson

### McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Cross Country teams travel to Stewart Park in Roseburg next Wednesday, October 19, to participate in the Umpqua Invite. Boys and Girls races start at 3:00 pm.

The McKenzie Varsity Six-man football team hosts Eddyville Charter on Thursday, October 20. The McKenzie 2022 Homecoming is also scheduled for the night. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 pm.

**Eagles Tangle On Senior Night**  
The McKenzie Eagle Varsity Volleyball team welcomed the Eddyville Charter Eagle Varsity team to Finn Rock last Thursday, October 13, for the last regular season Mt. West League match for both teams. The event was also McKenzie Senior Night, where McKenzie seniors Spencer Hayes, Haley Prater, Anna Reidman, and Taylor Wickizer and their families were honored for their past four-year contributions. McKenzie also honored the visiting seniors of Eddyville Charter.

Eddyville (12-2, 13-5) cemented its second place standing behind MWL regular season Champion Mohawk (14-0, 16-7) with a three-straight set win over host McKenzie. Eddyville won the first set 25-18; easily won the

second set 25-6, and wrapped up the match victory with a deciding third set win 25-11.

McKenzie (0-14, 0-14), fielding a Varsity Volleyball team for the first time since the 2019 season, cut off by the Covid and Holiday Farm Fire double-whammy, made great strides under rookie Head Coach Rachele Mark's direction this Fall. Mark is a 2011 McKenzie alum and past standout multi-sport Eagle athlete.

### Eagles Run Hard In Harrisburg Gatorade Challenge

McKenzie Varsity Cross Country runners traveled to Harrisburg this past Wednesday, October 12, to participate in the Harrisburg Gatorade Challenge. Eagle freshman Myra Dion, running in the Girls' 5,000-meter Varsity race, placed 29th, with a finish time of 25:00.6 minutes. Forty-five athletes representing twenty-five high schools ran the race with Dion and the Eagle athlete earned the best finish of the four small 1A teams competing. McKenzie freshman Will Meister finished 72nd in the Boys 5K race and teammate, sophomore Devon Lawson, took home 82nd. Meister's race was timed in 23:35.9 min. and Lawson finished in 32:05.2 min.

### Elk Stampede On The McKenzie Elkton 62, McKenzie 7

Have you ever witnessed an elk stampede? An elk herd running full tilt leaves a lasting impression, both to the lucky witness and the trampled environment. One might compare the large ungulate to a Sherman Tank, in that, where said beast desires to travel, it generally does so, going over, or through,

any obstacle in its path. That's how elk think works.

Last Friday night, the Eagles hosted an Elk stampede! Elkton made its way North and East from down on the Umpqua River to Wade Thomas Field on the campus of McKenzie to lock horns and talons with the Eagles in a non-league six-man football clash. The Elks (4-1, 5-2, 5th ranked) represented the Special District 2 South League and currently sit in second place, one game behind Powers (4-0, 7-0, 2nd ranked) with one game remaining in the regular season. Elkton travels with fourteen athletes, four of which are seniors and five juniors.

The Elks, both with size and experience, showed the Friday night fans how well they understand the game of six-man football. Elkton took the opening kickoff to pay dirt and never looked back. This night would be another object lesson for the young, resurgent Eagle team.

You can bet McKenzie Head Coach Neil Barrett and staff were taking note of Eagle blocking and tackling techniques. Twisting, spinning, juking, and as elk occasion to do, plowing over, the Elkton offense caromed to a 30-0 first-quarter advantage and led 49-0 at the half. Following the first Elkton TD of the second half, the 40-point mercy rule took effect and a running clock remained for the rest of the game.

Eagle freshman running back Allen Acevedo scored McKenzie's lone TD of the game with 0.04 minutes remaining in the contest, on a pass reception from senior QB Trent Peek. Junior Levi Lockard added the extra point. Peek was 5-11 passing on the evening for a total of 40 yards in the air.

The Eagles rushed as a team for a total of 116 yards. Allen Acevedo carried 12 times for 58 yards and teammate, junior Solomon Acevedo had 10 carries and 57 yards gained. Lockard rushed once for 3 yards and quarterback Peek finished with 12 carries and minus 2 yards. Solomon Acevedo caught two passes for 27 yards and Allen Acevedo hauled in three

receptions for 13 yards.

Defensively, the Eagles were led by A. Acevedo with 6 total tackles (3 solos), sophomore Jamie LeClair with 3 total (2 solos), sophomore Jovial Jordan with 3 total (1 solo), Lockard had 1 solo tackle, Peek with 2 tackle assists, and S. Acevedo and junior Thomas Hayes finished with 1 tackle assist apiece.

This week McKenzie will host its Homecoming Activities and the visiting Eddyville Charter Eagles. Eddyville (3-2, 3-3) has some size and 17 athletes on the roster. But if the Eagles can block well offensively and get their backs around the corner for some clear ground and if defensively, they can wrap up their tackles, then the opportunity is there for an upset win. And that would sure make for a lot of good fun twisting, spinning, and juking at the Homecoming Dance later on!

### Mt. West League

#### Volleyball Playoffs Set

The 2022 Mt. West League Regular Season has concluded and the MWL Championship Tournament is set and ready to commence. At stake is the crowning of the MWL Tournament Champion and the awarding of the three seeded berths to the 2022 OSAA State Volleyball playoffs. Mohawk is the 2022 MWL Regular Season Champion and is the number one seed in the MWL Tournament. The Mustangs have earned a bye, until the MWL Tournament Championship match. The rest of the field, based on their finishes in the Regular Season are Eddyville Charter (2), Triangle Lake (3), Alsea (4), Crow (5), and Mapleton (6). Siletz Valley and

McKenzie finished 7th and 8th in the final Regular Season standings and did not qualify for the MWL Tournament. The two lowest seeds, Mapleton and Crow, kick-off Tournament play on Thursday, Oct. 20, at Crow. The winner advances to Saturday's (Oct. 22) Tournament Day to be held at Junction City High School. The losing team is done for the season. On Saturday, the first match of the day begins with #3 Triangle Lake versus #2 Eddyville Charter at 9:00 am. The second match, starting at 11:00 am, will feature #4 Alsea versus Thursday's winning team (Mapleton or Crow). Starting at 1:00 pm., the losing team of the previous match (Alsea/Crow or Mapleton) will play the losing team of the earlier Triangle Lake/Eddyville match. The winning team of this match will represent the MWL as the #3 seed in the OSAA State playoffs and the losing team will earn the #4 seed. The winning team of the 1:00 pm match will meet Regular Season Champion Mohawk in the MWL Tournament Championship match, held at 3:00 pm. The winner of this match will represent the MWL as the top seed in the OSAA State playoffs and the losing team will earn a second seed. This is the first season the OSAA is allowing four seeded teams from each Class 1A League in the State to qualify for the State Tournament. Thus, 32 teams will qualify for the 2022 State Tournament. The OSAA Class 1A State Finals, featuring the Final Eight teams left standing, will be held at Ridgeview High School, in Redmond, on November 4th and 5th.

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Friday 10/21		Saturday 10/22		Sunday 10/23	
McKenzie Valley PM Showers 40% chance precip High: 68 Low: 45	Santiam Pass PM Showers 40% chance precip High: 57 Low: 34	McKenzie Valley Showers 60% chance precip High: 52 Low: 39	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 60% chance precip High: 35 Low: 27	McKenzie Valley Showers 50% chance precip High: 57 Low: 42	Santiam Pass Rain/Snow 50% chance precip High: 40 Low: 30

### WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
10/11	77	50	0	868 cfs	10/11	80	45	0	2,620 cfs
10/12	82	47	0	902 cfs	10/12	75	45	0	2,670 cfs
10/13	84	55	0	NA	10/13	77	42	0	2,830 cfs
10/14	82	51	0	885 cfs	10/14	75	42	0	2,780 cfs
10/15	87	55	0	876 cfs	10/15	79	42	0	2,790 cfs
10/16	84	52	0	870 cfs	10/16	79	42	0	2,740 cfs
10/17	72	48	0	859 cfs	10/17	780	47	0	2,720 cfs

# Sheriff's Report

**Oct. 10: 12:19 p.m:** Unattended Children - Millican Rd. & Bryant Ln. A caller came across an unattended young child with disabilities. The child's mother was located and deputies conducted a welfare check on the involved.

**Oct. 12: 5:24 p.m:** Theft - McGowan Creek gate. A fire hydrant was determined to have been damaged by a vehicle. No theft was discovered.

**Oct. 13: 12:00 a.m:** Vehicle Stop - 35200 block, Camp Creek Rd.

**6:43 a.m:** Vehicle Stop - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**3:47 p.m:** Dead Animal - 89700 blk, Hill Rd.

**5:07 p.m:** Speeding Vehicle - Wendling Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**7:15 p.m:** Menacing - 39700 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Two people were changed with harassment after a road-rage incident turned into a physical dispute.

**Oct. 14: 9:42 a.m:** Theft - 90000

blk, Johnson Creek Rd.

**9:44 a.m:** Civil Problem - Blue River area.

**12:13 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Hill Rd.

**5:05 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 87300 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. A former tenant climbed a fence at a residence in order to retrieve property.

**5:29 p.m:** Prowler - 89300 blk, Hill Rd.

**6:54 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - Hileman Rd. & Holland Ln.

**8:26 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 90700 blk, Hill Rd.

**Oct. 15: 9:32 a.m:** Burglary - 87300 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

**12:05 p.m:** Illegal Burn - 40400 blk, Mohawk River Rd.

**4:35 p.m:** Indecent Exposure - 90700 blk, Fish Hatchery Rd. Second hand info was received that a male was seen west of the fish hatchery with his pants half down. He was described as being transient. No further information was provided.

**6:11 p.m:** Burglary - 87300 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

**6:21 p.m:** Found Property - 87400 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

**8:51 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute

- 38400 blk, Wendling Rd.

**11:57 p.m:** Welfare Check - 92200 blk, Carson St.

**11:58 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 46400 blk, Goodpasture Rd.

**Oct. 16: 4:55 pm** Water Rescue - Finn Rock Landing.

**12:02 pm** Harassment - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**Oct. 17: 11:16 a.m:** theft from vehicle - 8900 blk, McK. Hwy.

**12:44 p.m:** Theft - 41800 blk, Madrone St.

**6:16 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Camp Creek Rd. & Skyhigh Dr.

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

## State Police Report

**Oct. 15: 06:30:** Fish & Wildlife, Hunting - McGowan Road, Milepost 3.3. Troopers conducted a Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED) operation northeast of Springfield. They contacted a subject who had stopped prior to legal shooting hours, got out with a rifle and sighted in on the decoy several times. The subject continued to move along the public roadway,

in the dark, hunting the decoy. Ultimately had another vehicle arrive and troopers made contact. The subject did not possess any big game tag including a general western deer tag. The subject was cited for Hunting Prohibited Hours and No Big Game Tag. The rifle was seized and transported to the Springfield Office where it was placed into evidence. Involved: 39-year-old male.

**07:02:** Fish & Wildlife, Hunting - McGowan Road, Mp. 3.3. While working an early morning WED, a pickup stopped in the middle of the road with its headlights illuminating the deer decoy. The rear passenger quickly exited the truck and jumped in the bed. Seconds later the passenger fired a shot from his rifle and struck the decoy. The hunter shot the WED before legal shooting hours. The rifle was seized as evidence and the hunter was cited for Hunting Prohibited Hours. Involved, 62-year-old male from Springfield.

**08:53:** F&W, Hunting - Located a hunter who was trespassing on Giustina Land and Timber property. During the contact the hunter lied multiple times. The hunter and his significant other were escorted off the property. The hunter was cited for Hunting While in Violation of Criminal Trespass. The rifle was seized as evidence. Involved: 23-year-old male from Springfield.

**Oct. 16: 12:02:** Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E & Camp Creek Rd. A Toyota Rav4 was traveling east, a Volvo was driving

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Oct. 10: 17:31:** 40000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Oct. 11: 6:11:** 88000 blk, Bridge St. Lift Assist. Lift Assist Only.

**9:15:** 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.

**15:08:** McK. Hwy./Holden Creek Ln. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury, Non-Blocking.

**20:01:** 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Oct. 13: 14:43:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**19:10:** 39000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed 1, Transported.

**Oct. 14: 14:02:** McK. Hwy./Mp. 09. Electrical Hazard. Line Down, Engine On Scene.

**14:41:** 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Mistaken Alarm.

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## Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**Oct. 14: 15:21:** Medical - 49000 block, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**Oct. 15: 17:48:** Medical - 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**Oct. 16: 16:49:** Water Rescue - Huckleberry Ln./Quartz Creek Rd. Male subject's floatation device was punctured & deflated. He was not where he was last seen.



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By Slim Randles

"Someday," said Steve, our resident tall, walrus-moustachioed cowboy, "I'm going to mess around and mix up some paint and when it's just the right blend, I'll sell it to people who love beauty and nature to paint the walls of their favorite room in the house."

"What?" said Dud. "I don't understand."

"Look at that sunset, Dudley," Steve said. "See how the orange and the red blend into the blue ... up higher there where the old day sky still is. And the black threads of the tree branches run through it."

They were out in the parking lot of the Mule Barn coffee shop, which doubles for the headquarters of the World Dilemma Think Tank during coffee hours, to say nothing of the Supreme Court of Dang Near Everything, which has the same membership. The guys basked in the afterglow of a nice day before heading home.

"Steve," said Doc, "I had no idea you were artistic minded. Is this something new?"

"Nav. Ever since I was a kid, I wanted paint that color. You know what I'd do with it? I'd paint the wall behind the little telephone stand so that every time I spoke to someone on the phone, I'd be in a great mood."

"You don't have a telephone stand, Steve," Dud said. "All you have is that cell phone in your pocket."

"Picky, picky. Okay, then I'll paint my jacket that color, so every time I grab the cell phone ..."

Herb had been awfully quiet ... for him, anyway.

"So you would blend orange and red and yellow and blue and black?"

"Only if I could get it to look like that," Steve said.

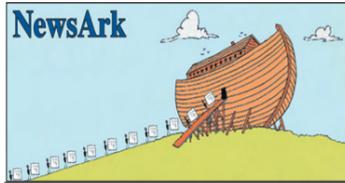
One of the side benefits of being a cowboy is being able to dream regardless of facts..

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## Quote of the Week

"I almost had a psychic girlfriend, .... But she left me before we met."

Steven Wright



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From the September 8, 2011 edition of McKenzie River Reflections

## Who was McKenzie?

### Travels with MacKenzie

Two hundred years ago this month Donald MacKenzie, age 28, was making his way from the Missouri River towards Fort Astoria, as assistant leader of the "Astorians Overland Party" made up of fifty-six men, a woman, and two children. Ten years later a map would be drawn by the Hudson Bay Company, naming a branch of the Willamette River as "Mackenzie's Branch" after Donald Mackenzie. Understanding why his name was given to this river requires us to explore the stories, maps and artifacts left behind. Throughout the coming year, as part of the McKenzie Bicentennial 2012, a small part of his remarkable life will be told each month in this newspaper.

The leader of the Astorian Overland expedition was W.P. Hunt. Excerpts of his journal describe where Donald Mackenzie was during the July and August of 1811.

"By July 18, 1811, we had traveled up the Missouri River from St. Louis to the village of the Aricaras...We left there with eighty-two horses packing commodities, munitions, food, and animal traps, taking a southwesterly route. We camped near a small stream a short distance from its confluence with the Grand River, which we forded on July 21, and on the 24th. We had covered sixty-seven miles in three days, keeping on a route where the grass was knee-high and where the horses could graze contentedly."

"Several members of the company were ill, and we rested here until August 5th. During this interval I bought thirty-six horses from some Cheyenne Indians. These Indians burn buffalo chips to keep themselves warm. Their teepees are made of buffalo skins carefully sewn together and supported by poles joined at the top. They often hold as many as fifty people. The Cheyennes are honest and clean. They hunt buffalo, and they raise horses that each year they trade to the Aricaras for corn, kidney beans, pumpkins, and some merchandise. They had a dozen beaver skins, but they did not seem to know how to trap these animals. We killed several buffalo; in fact, they were everywhere around us, for they were breeding. They made a frightful noise that sounded like distant thunder. The males tore up the earth with their hooves and horns."



"We covered forty-two miles on the 6th and 7th.... The countryside became mountainous and water scarce. We saw some big horn [sheep] there, and we built fires on the summits to guide our hunters. (40 miles southwest)"

August 11 "we crossed a range of mountains like those of preceding days. The trail was tiring because of its precipitousness and the great number of rocks. On the 12th we forded two tributaries of the Grand River that flowed from the southwest, one of them appearing to be the main branch. (27 miles)"

August 14th: "we made camp beside a tributary of the Little Missouri. The evening was very cold. extremely rugged. It became even worse on the 17th, and we could find no passage through these mountains. We killed a big horn whose meat is good, not unlike mutton."

August 18th: We found it necessary to leave the mountains and turn back toward the broken countryside. When we had pitched camp to the left of the pine-covered mountains, Mr. McKenzie and I scaled the nearby slopes. Our view extended in all directions. In the west we saw far off some mountains that appeared white in several spots, and we assumed that this was the snow-covered Big Horn [Range]. Below the peaks herds of buffalo ran over the plains."

Next month: The Astorians follow the Snake River into the area now known as "Hell's Canyon."

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September 1811

Two hundred years ago this month Donald MacKenzie was making his way from the Missouri River towards Fort Astoria and then to the Willamette River. He was assistant leader of the "Asto-

rian Overland Party," the fur-trading expedition financed by J.J. Astor, and lead by W.P. Hunt. Ten years later a tributary of the Willamette River was named "MacKenzie's Branch." The story of MacKenzie's travels is told here as part of the McKenzie Bicentennial 2012.

The following excerpts are from the book "Astoria," written by Washington Irving at J. Jacob Astor's request. It was published in 1836. (Read the full text at <http://www.history1700s.com>)

On the third of September, finding that the mountain still stretched onwards, presenting a continued barrier, they endeavored to force a passage to the westward, but soon became entangled among rocks and precipices which set all their efforts at defiance. The mountain seemed, for the most part, rugged, bare, and sterile; yet here and there it was clothed with pines, and with shrubs and flowering plants, some of which were in bloom. In tolling among these weary places, their thirst became excessive, for no water was to be met with. Numbers of the men wandered off into rocky dells and ravines in hopes of finding some brook or fountain; some of whom lost their way and did not rejoin the main party.

After a day of painful and fruitless scrambling, Mr. Hunt gave up the attempt to penetrate in this direction, and, returning to the little stream on the skirts of the mountain, pitched his tents within six miles of his encampment of the preceding night. He now ordered that signals should be made for the stragglers in quest of water; but the night passed away without their return...

On the evening of the 14th September, they encamped on the forks of the Wind or Bighorn River. The largest of these forks came from the range of Wind River Mountains. The hunters who served as guides to the party in this part of their route, had assured Mr. Hunt that, by following up Wind River, and crossing a single mountain ridge, he would come upon the head waters of the Columbia. This scarcity of game, however, which already had been felt to a pinching degree, and which threatened them with famine among the sterile heights which lay before them, admonished them to change their course. It was determined, therefore, to make for a stream, which they were informed passed the neighboring mountains, to the south of west, on the grassy banks of which it was probable they would meet with buffalo. Accordingly, about three o'clock on the following day, meeting with a beaten Indian road which led in the proper direction, they struck into it, turning their backs upon Wind River.

On the 17th they continued down the course of the river, mak-

ing fifteen miles to the southwest... They encamped for the night opposite the end of a mountain in the west, which was probably the last chain of the Rocky Mountains. On the following morning they abandoned the main course of the Spanish River, and taking a north-west direction for eight miles, came upon one of its little tributaries, issuing out of the bosom of the mountains, and running through green meadows, yielding pasturage to herds of buffalo. As these were probably the last of that animal they would meet with, they encamped on the grassy banks of the river, determined to spend several days in hunting, so as to be able to jerk sufficient meat to supply them until they should reach the waters of the Columbia, where they trusted to find fish enough for their support. A little repose, too, was necessary for both men and horses, after their rugged and incessant marching; having in the course of the last seventeen days traversed two hundred and sixty miles of rough, and in many parts sterile, mountain country.

Mr. Hunt broke up his encampment on the 24th of September, and continued on to the west. A march of fifteen miles, over a mountain ridge, brought them to a stream about fifty feet in width, which Hoback, one of their guides recognized for one of the head waters of the Columbia... They kept along it for two days... At length they emerged from these stupendous defiles, and continued for several miles ... through one of the stern mountain valleys. Here it was joined by a river of greater magnitude and swifter current, and their united waters swept off through the valley in one impetuous stream, which, from its rapidity and turbulence, had received the name of the Mad River\*... An important point in their arduous journey had been attained; a few miles from their camp rose the three vast snowy peaks called the Tetons, or the Pilot Knobs, the great landmarks of the Columbia, by which they had shaped their course through this mountain wilderness. By their feet flowed the rapid current of Mad River, a stream ample enough to admit of the navigation of canoes, and down which they might possibly be able to steer their course to the main body of the Columbia. The Canadian voyageurs rejoiced at the idea of once more launching themselves upon their favorite element; of exchanging their horses for canoes, and of gliding down the bosoms of rivers, instead of scrambling over the backs of mountains. Others of the party, also, inexperienced in this kind of travelling, considered their toils and troubles as drawing to a close. They had conquered the chief difficulties of this great rocky barrier,

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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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### Like diamonds, clay soils are forever



Lynn Ketchum

#### Clay soil sticks together.

When you walk about your yard on a wet day, do your shoes stick in the mud? Could you make ceramic pots out of the soil in your garden? If the answers are yes to both, odds are you have clay soil, one of the biggest challenges for the home gardener.

Clay soils in the Willamette Valley are the result of geologic actions that took place during the end of the last ice age – some 10,000-14,000 years ago, said Linda Brewer, senior faculty research assistant in Oregon State University's College of Agricultural Sciences. Repeated flooding on an apocalyptic scale overflowed into what is today the Willamette Valley.

Very fine clay particles take far longer to settle out of the water than larger sand and silt particles, Brewer explained. On average, these larger particles settled out further north in the valley, although clays can certainly be found in the Portland area. The largest clay particle is more than 1,000 times smaller than the smallest sand particle. Gravity causes these larger particles to settle out first.

Clay soils are difficult to work up and develop into a good seedbed. Dry clay tends to be very hard and, if wet, it tends to be very sticky and difficult to manage. But clay soils have their attributes, Brewer said. Clay particles are so small that they have slight electrical charges. These charges hold onto plant nutrients, far better than sand. Clay soils also store large amounts of water in the very fine spaces between their particles. This ability contributes to their stickiness and plasticity.

However, this water, held in such small pores, becomes difficult for plants to take up as the soil dries. Sandy soils drain readily because the spaces between the particles of sand are much larger.

Bark, manure, leaf mold, and compost are among the organic amendments commonly used to improve clay soil, Brewer noted. Applied to the soil surface, these materials form a protective blanket that slows evaporation and reduces soil hardening.

It's common for people to want to rototill or dig these materials into their garden beds, Brewer said, but experience has shown that the best and easiest way is to apply two or three inches of organic materials to garden beds, without trying to mix them in.

"Like diamonds, clay soils are highly structured at the atomic

level," Brewer said. "No amount of sand added to clay soil will change its texture. The large sand particles provide a surface onto which the tiny clay particles adhere. The result can be more difficult to manage than the original clay.

"Think of the action of a potter's hands on the clay as the potter's wheel turns. The potter pulls the clay against the rotation of the wheel. In addition to shaping the clay, this action aligns the individual clay particles and increases the strength of the clay. I emphatically recommend against rototilling sand or vermiculite into clay soils. The action of the tiller is like the action of the potter's wheel."

Organic matter serves as food for earthworms, insects, bacteria, and fungi that transform it to soil nutrients and humus. These soil dwellers decompose and break down organic matter. Decomposer bacteria give off "glues" that aggregate soil particles, improving drainage and making the soil easier to work.

When a large amount of organic material is added to the soil under

warm and moist conditions, microorganisms multiply rapidly. Since they construct their bodies from the same nutrients that plants use, in the short term, they compete with plants for nutrients. Composted materials have been at least partially broken down and may have more nutrients available when applied.

To overcome the temporary lack of nutrients, gardeners might try adding low-nitrogen organic material like wood chips to the soil in the autumn, or smaller amounts at a time in the spring, when warm weather will hasten to breakdown. Or apply a complete organic fertilizer as a source of nutrients.

Remember that nitrogen is highly soluble in water, Brewer said. Manures, which are high in nitrogen, should be added only when there are actively growing roots able to take up nitrogen. Applying manure in the autumn is a wasted effort. In areas with high-rainfall winters, the nitrogen will have run off or leached below the rooting zone by spring.

Gypsum – calcium sulfate – is an amendment that improves clay soils. After exposure to water, the calcium sulfate molecule will dissociate. Free calcium ions have a positive charge that attracts the negatively charged clay particles, encouraging aggregation. Ammonium lauryl sulfate is a surfactant that can encourage infiltration of water into dried clay and may make it easier to mechanically aerate clay soils. Their commercial reputation as a "spray-on aerator" is an exaggeration, Brewer said.

Fertile soil with good tilth does not come about with a single or even several additions of organic material but from a consistent soil-building program.

"Repeated additions of organic matter do change clay soils, but these additions must be at least annually in order to maintain the changes," Brewer said. "And the soil will remain clay – forever."



## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



### HALLOWEEN & PUMPKIN TIME

Kindergartners I worked with today at school enjoyed drawing pictures of jack-o-lanterns and pumpkin faces. Some were scary, others had wide grins and a couple had pretty hats. It's the time of year when pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns reign supreme.

As I browsed through photos I'd taken over the years, I discovered many with pumpkins and autumn leaves, stonewalls along the roadside and across the fields, as well as children with their jack-o-lanterns.. From these, I once created a colorful poetry scrapbook album, with the theme Autumn in New England.

#### Pumpkins in History

The more practical use of pumpkins is for food rather than decoration and dates back to the natives of the Americas. They grew pumpkins and squash and developed many ways of preparing them. The natives also taught the early settlers ways of using pumpkins for food.

It's believed natives in Central America originally grew pumpkins. Then those of North America adopted them for food. Their various methods of preparation included baking, boiling, making pumpkin into a soup, drying it, and grinding this food into a meal they used for making breads.

For winter use and preservation,

the natives cut the pumpkins into rings and strips. Then they hung them to dry.

#### Many Pumpkin Recipes

You'll discover many ways to use pumpkins - from desserts to casseroles to breads and soups. One recipe for Pumpkin Soup calls for it cooked in the rind. I talked with a lady who said she did this and found the soup delicious.

According to an Early Pumpkin Pie Recipe, you cut a slice from the top of the pumpkin, scoop out the seeds, and fill with cavity with milk, sugar, and spices. Then you baked it until the pumpkin was cooked and center mixture thickened.

Pumpkin Soufflé - Combine 1 cup canned or thick cooked, mashed pumpkin with 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar and stir well. Beat 3 egg whites until stiff, then add 1/8 teaspoon salt and fold it into the pumpkin mixture.

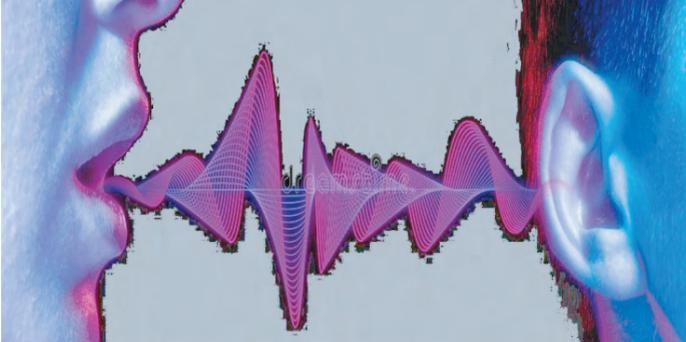
Grease a 1-quart baking dish or mold and fill about 2/3 full with the pumpkin. Set in a pan of hot water.

Bake at 350 degrees F. for about 40 minutes. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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*(Mary Emma Allen enjoys autumn in New England with its colorful foliage and pumpkin decorations. E-mail: me.allen@juno.com)*

# Gossip?



# Or facts?

# Community Notes

requested: email Sofia Castellanos at acastel2@pdx.edu.

# Watch for wildlife

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**October 17**

**McKenzie Fire & Rescue**

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center from noon to 1 p.m.

**October 19**

**Upper McK Fire Board**

The board of directors will meet at 7p.m. 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

**October 20**

**Leaburg Food Pantry**

Leaburg Food Pantry. Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 3 - 6 p.m. Behind the McKenzie Bible Fellowship Church, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

**October 28**

**McK River Food Pantry**

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**October 28**

**Trunk or Treat**

A "Trunk or Treat" event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in Rainbow on October 28th. Everyone is welcome to take part in activities like pumpkin painting, music, treats, a best trunk contest, and much more. To participate, all us (541) 822-3341.

**November 2**

**Blue River Park Board**

The board will meet at 5 p.m. More info @ /www.blueriverpark.com.

**November 2**

**Blue River Water Board**

The will meet at 7p.m. More info @ www.blueriverwaterdistrict.com.

**November 3**

**Business Resource Fair**

The McKenzie Rebuilds Economy Subcommittee is hosting a Business Resource Fair for all businesses impacted by the Holiday Farm Fire. It will be held on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 4 to 6 p.m. at McKenzie Fire & Rescue in Leaburg (42870 McKenzie Hwy). Local, county and state agencies will be available to answer questions and share information about resources that are available. Refreshments served. RSVP

**November 11 Spaghetti Feed**

The WALTERVILLE Grange is hosting its annual Spaghetti Fee and honoring veterans with a red, white, and blue theme. On the menu is spaghetti with red meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, drinks, and cookies for dessert. It will be held at the WALTERVILLE Community Hall, located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in WALTERVILLE from 5 to 7 p.m. Donations, including canned food items for the upriver food bank, are always welcome

**November 12 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.

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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**15:23:** 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**18:41:** McK. Hwy./Mp. 32. Public Assist. Disabled Vehicle. Provided Traffic Control.

**Oct. 15: 17:48:** 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Oct. 16: 11:59:** 39000 blk, McK. Hwy. MVA. Non-Injury.

**16:49:** Huckleberry Ln. & Quartz Cr. Rd. Water Rescue. Victim Assisted to Safety/Non-Injury.

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may be others nearby.

If people see wildlife on or near the road, they should slow down and stay in their lane. Many serious crashes are the result of drivers losing control as they swerve to avoid wildlife.

The same advice applies for smaller creatures like raccoons; try to stay in one lane and don't swerve. They are less dangerous to vehicles than big game animals and maintaining control of a vehicle is important.

ODFW, ODOT and partner organizations are working to reduce the risk of vehicle-wildlife collisions by building wildlife crossings. The crossings allow wildlife to safely follow their migration patterns over or under a road. Data shows wildlife crossings on Hwy 97 near Sunriver have reduced vehicle-wildlife collisions by nearly 90 percent.

The bipartisan infrastructure bill passed by Congress in 2021 is providing \$350 million in competitive grants to the states for wildlife crossings and other mitigation. ODFW, ODOT and other partners will be working to secure grants for projects.

Oregon drivers can also show their support by purchasing a Watch for Wildlife license plate. The revenue generated from license plate sales will benefit projects that help wildlife move within their range and between habitat patches. Originally developed by the Oregon Wildlife Foundation, the license plate is now available at the DMV.

**Roadkill salvagers: CWD testing is mandatory**

As wildlife-vehicle collisions peak, so does participation in ODFW's roadkill salvage program. Since 2019, salvaging deer or elk struck by a vehicle has been legal in Oregon. Salvagers are required to fill out a free online permit available at <https://myodfw.com/articles/roadkill-salvage-permits>

Since the program kicked off in January 2019, 5,027 permits have been issued, with most for black-tailed deer in Western Oregon, where there are more drivers.

Salvagers are also required to bring the head and antlers of all salvaged deer and elk to an ODFW office for testing within five days. This is so ODFW can test the animal for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a fatal neurological disease that ODFW has been on the lookout for since it first appeared in the late 1960s in Colorado.

The disease has never been detected in Oregon's wildlife. But CWD testing regulations have taken on new urgency after it was detected in several wild deer and elk in northwest Idaho, about 30 miles from Oregon's border, late last year.

Infected animals can spread the disease for several years before showing symptoms (which include loss of balance, drooling, emaciation or wasting and eventual death). Testing apparently healthy deer and elk early in the course of the disease when they are not showing symptoms is the most effective method to catch the disease before an animal has spread the disease across the landscape and to other animals.

"With the disease now much closer to the state's borders, we just want to remind roadkill salvagers about the mandatory testing requirements," explained ODFW Wildlife Veterinarian Dr. Colin Gillin. "The more animals the state tests, the more certain ODFW can be that the disease is not in the state. If it is detected, ODFW can implement its response plan to contain the spread of the disease.

Test results are expected to take up to a month. If an animal ever tests positive for CWD, a biologist or veterinarian will phone the person who salvaged that animal directly.

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On October 25, the Board will have a round table discussion about their perspectives, gain a better understanding of their alignment, and ask questions of staff to help them chose a path forward.

The work session will begin at 4 p.m. Commissioners are committed to having an extensive conversation without time constraints. Customers and community members are invited to listen in-person or virtually.

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

## The End Game



Daria Nepriakhina

Good morning. A very early morning, I might add, because I'm finding it hard to sleep. I'm involved with a man who loves me deeply and would do anything for me, but who doesn't know who he is?

He had a very sorrowful childhood. His father died young, and his mother was left to raise the children alone. She could handle the girls fairly well, being one herself, but she didn't know what to do with the boys. So Will and his brothers were sent to boarding school.

The light of Will's life became his vacations with his "uncle", a dear friend of the family, the actual uncle of a classmate. It turns out that after a short time this wonderful uncle sexually abused Will. When vacations with the uncle finally ended, recollections

of abuse were blocked from his memory.

Out of school, Will traveled, got a terrific job, and drifted through life. When his best friends married, he was swept up in the need to be part of it all. He married an independent, wealthy woman. Maybe there was a little love, but did it really matter?

They decided he should quit work. The wife became immersed in gathering material things, the more expensive the better. She grew consumed to the point of obsession with getting her share from the family trust. She neglected Will and their children.

Will became the whipping boy for her black moods, and his self-esteem suffered. He went back to work to garner a niche for himself and closed himself off emotionally as the marriage grew worse.

We met last year. Neither of us could speak with our spouses, so we turned to each other as best friends. Our story isn't new in that respect. For years my husband abused me emotionally and neglected our child. When I miscarried at Christmas, he wasn't there to support me. Will was there for me through it all.

Our emotions deepened and we became physically involved. Will has separated from his wife, but I haven't left my current

address because I can't afford to. He is taking time away from our relationship to try to resolve his past difficulties. I don't know if he can.

I would love to spend my life with him, but I don't think I can take a chance with so much unresolved baggage in his life. I am using our time apart to establish myself as an independent entity and looking for full-time work. I am also establishing a new relationship with the father of my child, based on our love for her.

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Dinah, in 1972 Bobby Fischer played Boris Spassky for the world chess championship. In one pivotal game, Fischer made a series of moves that didn't seem to help him much. Until the final move. Spassky suddenly realized his position was hopeless and resigned.

Grandmasters watching the game in another room were as surprised as Spassky. No one saw it coming. As one newspaper reported, Fischer amassed a "multitude of small advantages" until he had achieved an insurmountable advantage.

You are living life thinking one move ahead. Not happy with your husband, you move toward another man. Growing close to him, you see he is not the solution and takes a step back.

In the deepest sense, relationships are not intended to supply what we lack. They are intended to enhance what we

already have. Understanding Will is not the solution to your life is a small, though major, advance in your position. What you need is more standing and wherewithal, more confidence in yourself as an independent entity.

With each small advance, in your career or sense of purpose and wholeness, your perspective will change. Victory will be yours not by choosing between men, but by developing who you are.

You can make a series of small maneuvers which will materially change your life.

Wayne & Tamara

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

## American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

The mermaid, curiously, is one of those mythological figures that remind us of the occasional moments of genuine "universality" in human experience. All around the world, she recurs in myths, folktales, poems, and legends, fully formed, always complex, and profoundly assertive of the feminine force in the world. Jessica Lee Alton, in her poem, "Tipping the Scales" gently guides us towards the unveiling of her version of the mermaid—petulant,

dangerous, powerful, seductive, and defiantly mysterious.

### Tipping the Scales

By Jessica Lee Alton

She smokes in your face just to be like that  
 Never wants to give you free advice  
 Asks for a dollar, a drink, a ride home  
 Twirls a wet lock around her thumb  
 Pulls out her fin just so she can trip you  
 Can't hide that smell, razor blades, salt shakers  
 She wants your love, grants nothing in return  
 Can't control her voracious appetite  
 Ingesting friends like trinkets- baubles-spoons  
 Tries to pull you in with her siren song  
 Lips move-no sound-broken karaoke  
 You strain to listen, end up in her mouth  
 She swims you with the salmon south then north  
 Drops you at a gas station dumbfounded  
 Steals your car drunk splashes water at the moon  
 As you walk, you wonder how she drives  
 with that scaly turquoise mercurial tail

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**October 20** - On October 20, 1818 the United States and Great Britain signed a treaty to share the Northwest. It was called The Treaty of Joint Occupancy and it permitted "all territories and their waters claimed by either power west of the Rocky Mountains are to be free and open to the vessels, citizens and subject of both for ten years." At the end of 10 years The Treaty of Joint Occupancy was renewed. It was finally terminated in 1846 when the United States was granted sole rights to all lands south of 49 degrees.

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## Fishing Report

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### Fish Counts

**October 13, Willamette Falls**  
 Fall Chinook - 2,699  
 Winter Steelhead - 5,959



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# Who was McKenzie?

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and now flattered themselves with the hope of an easy downward course for the rest of their journey. Little did they dream of the hardships and perils by land and water, which were yet to be encountered in the frightful wilderness that intervened between them and the shores of the Pacific! (\*now known as the Snake River)

Travels with MacKenzie, Part 3

From the November 10, 2011 edition of McKenzie River Reflections

October 1811

Two hundred years ago Donald MacKenzie was in the sixth month of a nine-month journey between the Missouri River and Fort Astoria. MacKenzie was assistant leader of the 63-person "Astorian Overland Expedition," part of the Pacific Fur Company financed by J.J. Astor. The following account of the Overlanders' travels during October 1811 is taken from Adventures of the First Settlers on the Oregon by Alexander Ross. At the beginning of October 1811 the Overlanders were following the Snake River downriver at the upper end of the canyon later named Hells Canyon. This route was well south of the route followed by Lewis and Clark five years earlier. In October 1811 cold rain and snow was falling.

On the 18th of October, to abandon their hitherto serviceable and trusty horses, and they were, therefore, turned loose, to the number of one hundred and eighty, and the party embarking in fifteen crazy and frail canoes, undertook to descend the rugged and boiling channels of the head waters of the great south branch of the Columbia. Having proceeded about 350 miles, they were at last compelled to abandon the project of navigating these bold and dangerous waters; but not before one of their best steersmen was drowned, and they were convinced as to the impracticability of proceeding by water.

The canoes being now abandoned altogether, various plans were thought of; two or three parties were sent out as scouts, to try and fall in with Indians, provisions being now so scarce that the most gloomy apprehensions were entertained. These parties, however, saw but few Indians, and those few were destitute

themselves. At this time a starving dog that could hardly crawl along was a feast to our people, and even the putrid and rotten skins of animals were resorted to in order to sustain life. Whilst these parties were exhausting themselves to little or no purpose, another party attempted to recover the horses, which had been so thoughtlessly and imprudently left behind; but they returned unsuccessful, after a week's trial and hunger. A fifth party was dispatched ahead to explore the river, and they also returned with the most gloomy presage - all failed, and all fell back again on the cheerless camp, to augment the general despondency; the party now, as a last resource, set about depositing and securing the goods and baggage, by putting them in caches; this done, the party finally separated into four bands, each headed by a partner, and the object of one and all was, to reach the mouth of the Columbia by the best and shortest way. That part of the country where they were was destitute of game, and the provisions of the whole party taken together were scarcely enough for two days journey. At that season of the year, the Indians retire to the distant mountains, and leave the river till the return of spring, which accounts for their absence at this time.

We have already stated that one man, named Clappine, had been drowned - another of the name of Prevost had become deranged through starvation and drowned himself - and a third, named Carrier, lingered behind and perished; these fatal disasters happened in the parties conducted by Messrs. Hunt and Crooks. MacKenzie and his party were more fortunate: as soon as the division of the men and property took place, that bold North-Wester called his little band together, - "Now, my friends," said he, 'there is still hope before us; to linger on our way, to return back, or to be discouraged and stand still, is death - a death of all others the most miserable; therefore, take courage; let us persevere and push on ahead, and all will end well; the foremost will find something to eat, the last may fare worse.'" On hearing these cheering words, the poor fellows took off their caps, gave three cheers, and at once shot ahead.

Travels with MacKenzie  
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Ashley is a rural Social Worker with policy development experience. She was raised by her father, an Army War Veteran and retired Law Enforcement Officer, who has continued to fall through the cracks of Oregon's broken mental health system, which is what ultimately inspired her to run.

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66. Type of car  
68. Not upright  
69. Floor cleaner  
70. Not mainstream  
71. Gallup's inquiry  
72. Word for a nod  
73. Particular manner

- DOWN**
1. Electric swimmer  
2. Gator's kin  
3. NBC's peacock, e.g.  
4. Deck out  
5. Muscle to bone connector  
6. Balanced  
7. \*Full Frontal\* Samantha \_\_\_\_  
8. \*Judge Wapner and Judge Judy "hosted" from it  
9. 1/60th of min, pl.  
10. Palo \_\_\_\_, CA  
11. Like nonlethal gun  
12. Accident  
15. Squirrel or hummingbird, moving-wise  
20. \_\_\_\_ Kane of soap opera fame  
22. Pleasurable interjection  
24. Male witch  
25. Bo-Peep's sheep, e.g.  
26. Wispy clouds  
27. Request to Geico  
29. Politicians, for short  
31. Opposite of riches  
32. Plants and animals  
33. Did not go out for dinner (2 words)  
34. \*Late "Live" King of CNN  
36. Original matter, according to Big Bang Theory  
38. \*Stewart's successor  
42. Judge Judy's event  
45. Remnant of the past  
49. \*Regis and Kathie \_\_\_\_  
51. Critical situation  
54. Hostile force  
56. Black tie one  
57. Football great Graham  
58. Skin infection  
59. Tiny river  
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17. Poetic "even"  
18. Misbehave (2 words)  
19. \*Carpool Karaoke" James \_\_\_\_  
21. \*The Tonight Show" longest-serving host  
23. Negative conjunction  
24. One of Five Ws  
25. Communications regulator, acr.  
28. Australian palm  
30. Branch of traditional medicine, adj.

35. Monet's water flower  
37. Succotash ingredient  
39. Indian side dish  
40. Like dental exam  
41. Administer  
43. Frequenter  
44. Town news announcer  
46. Do like eagle  
47. Recipe command  
48. \*Not Fallon  
50. Like a "Vogue" ad  
52. "Is it \_\_\_\_ wonder?"  
53. Onion's kin  
55. Am is to I as \_\_\_\_ is to we  
57. \*Certain Barbarian's namesake  
60. \*Last Week Tonight with John \_\_\_\_  
63. Indifferent to emotions  
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**State Police Report**

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west, and a Ford Thunderbird was stopped on Camp Creek Road to turn onto Hwy. 126. The Rav4 turned onto Camp Creek in front of the Volvo. The Volvo attempted to avoid the crash but ultimately hit the Rav4. The crash with the Rav4 changed the direction of the vehicles, which caused the Volvo to hit the Thunderbird. The Rav4 driver was at fault for failing to yield to right of way. All vehicles were towed from the scene.

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the 2-acre park site, would be constructed to accommodate vehicles and boat trailers.

Another change under consideration is the consolidation of three launching ramps into one. A hydraulic study has shown the two downriver ones are likely to continue to be undermined by the river, Henry said. It's possible though, that the single upstream launch area could be widened, he added.

When the hydraulic study is completed, the planning process will also have to include a review of cultural/historic and wetlands issues, according to OSMB Senior Engineer, Joshua Tacchini. He expected those could be finalized by June. That would likely lead to another public meeting this Fall.

It's also expected a finalized plan could be sent for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit review at the end of 2023.

However, that final permit process could range from 18 to 36 months, cautioned OSMB Facilities Manager Janine Belleque.

**Flood coverage**  
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outdated floodplain mapping. The mapping process was designed to help individuals and communities understand their natural hazard risks and make smart decisions, identify and assess the risk, and work together to support the long-term planning and projects that make a community stronger and safer.

The preliminary map may be viewed online at: bit.ly/clmapupdate More information about the flood maps is available via a live chat service about flood maps at <http://go.usa.gov/r6C> (just click on the "Live Chat" icon). To request a personalized flood map of a property, email: PropertyID-Map@starr-team.com

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