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Legendary lawman

What he found in Portland had to have melted his crusty-old-gunfighter heart.

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Country Kitchen

When I saw the Jadite shaker it brought back memories of meals around the kitchen table.

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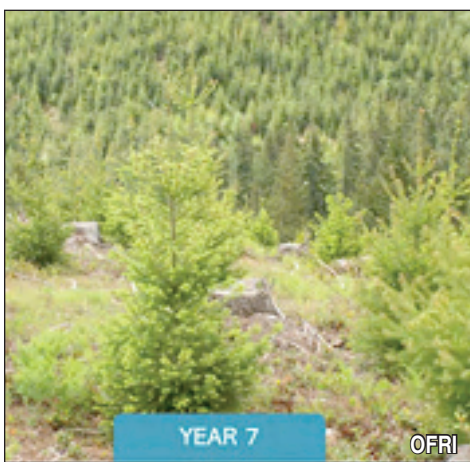
Briefs...



The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) reports the state's wolf population is stagnating. It did not grow in 2023. 36 died in 2023, with 33 human-caused. 16 were authorized by ODFW, four more were hit by cars, and one was lawfully shot by a hunter.

10 wolves were moved to Colorado. The actual population is higher than the minimum count, the report notes — the count is the number of wolves that were verified through tracks, photos, or radio collars.

Officials say a dozen were poached: 10 were poisoned in multiple incidents and two separate shootings. The stagnant wolf population and the sharp increase in wolf deaths are cause for great concern in a state with significant suitable — yet unoccupied — wolf habitat. Also of concern, according to Oregon Wild is the total number of wolf packs shrunk from 24 in 2022 to 22 in 2023, and western Oregon's nascent wolf population lost a breeding female to poaching.



Want to watch a tree grow? Nine years ago, the Oregon Forest Research Institute installed timelapse cameras in a reforested area on private timberland to capture the growth of 4-year-old and 9-year-old trees that were planted in a clearcut. Footage from the solar-powered cameras, which filmed the fast-growing young trees for seven years, shows how a new forest has filled in the timber harvest within 15 years of planting seedlings.

OFRI recently released a two-minute video called A Forest Begins with details about reforestation in Oregon, a summary of the timelapse project, and highlights from the footage. In the video, the trees shoot upwards as the seasons change, their bright green needles budding out in the spring and boughs drooping from the weight of snow in the winter. Eventually, the trees grow so tall they block the view of the cameras documenting them.

View the video at tinyurl.com/zwh9d3v2

A celebration of the McKenzie's namesake



Wooden Boat Festival returns next weekend

NIMROD: People who appreciate fine craftsmanship as well as folks who make their living on waterways will all converge at the Eagle Rock Lodge on April 27th. They'll be there along with hundreds of other fans of a boat that has become known around the world.

This year's Wooden Boat Festival will offer an opportunity to relax, and learn about the river and the history of the influential double-ended McKenzie River drift boat from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free at the Lodge located at 49198 McKenzie Highway, between Milepost 34 and 35.

An informal flotilla to Eagle Rock is planned to launch from the Forest Glen Boat Landing at 8 a.m. and arrive at Eagle Rock Lodge around 10. People planning to bring a boat to the show should arrive by 9 to arrange a courtesy tow from the parking area to the riverfront grounds.

Boats can be pulled from the river, parked on the grounds, and then re-launched for the takeout one-half mile downstream at the Silver Creek Landing. Boaters are advised to pre-arrange shuttles and reminded there is no pre-registration or fee to display a boat.

Northwest states, feds collaborate on prescribed burns to fight wildfires

Prescribed fire is the controlled use of burns to minimize the larger risks of wildfires and smoke. It is seen as an increasingly important strategy as wildfire seasons pose greater threats to the Northwest.



Prescribed burning is the purposeful use of fire to reduce the risk from fire fuel sources in the forest.

Casey Sixkiller, Northwest regional administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said authorities want to work together to maintain forest habitats.

"Prescribed burn is one of the best tools we have for making our forests more resilient against catastrophic wildfires and they help to manage and target hazardous fuels and make for healthier forests," Sixkiller explained.

Sixkiller pointed out the EPA is involved because wildfire smoke poses risks to people's health. The collaboration is between federal agencies, departments in Oregon and Washington, and tribal governments.

Sixkiller noted the collaboration needed a formal agreement to move forward.

"That is what we've been able to do here with this agreement," Sixkiller emphasized. "To get federal land managers and states and us all in the same room, making sure that we're all on the same page about what success looks like."

Sixkiller added the collaboration has another advantage: It helps drive engagement with communities potentially in the path of prescribed burns.

"They have the confidence that the effort that's gone into planning that activity has been thought out from soup to nuts," Sixkiller acknowledged. "And that they have a seat at the table and are being engaged and their concerns are being addressed as we go forward with that activity."

EWEB to hold Open House May event set for Walterville

People are invited to join the EWEB Board of Commissioners for their annual event with the McKenzie Valley community on Thursday, May 23.

Doors at the Walterville Community Center, 39259 Camp Creek Road, will open at 5:30 p.m. for an open house followed by a customer appreciation dinner at 6 p.m.

Officials say this year's theme is improving communications with the community. Plans call for people to share dinner to discuss interests and community members' concerns for the future well-being of the McKenzie community, plus how EWEB can support them.

The facilitated conversation will encourage dialog on topics such as:

- * Recent challenges including wildfires, winter storms, and EWEB's first Public Safety Power Shutoff,

- * EWEB's ice storm response and ways to improve our communications during power outages, and

- * decommissioning the Leaburg hydroelectric project.

Commissioners will report back to the broader group what they heard at their respective tables, and content specialists will be on hand to answer any unresolved questions.

During the pre-meeting open house and after the meeting, **EWEB meeting - Page 10**

Accommodating prefab housing New resource for local jurisdictions

Supported by the 2022 US Economic Development Administration Build Back Better grant, the Department of Land Conservation and Development has released a new resource for local governments seeking to modernize local code to support the use of prefabricated, modular, and manufactured housing types including but not limited to mass timber construction.

The Prefabricated and Modular Housing Model Code includes resources to assist local governments in updating their development codes to achieve compliance with HB 4064 and facilitate development of prefabricated and modular housing. The model code includes

an Audit Workbook to help local government staff evaluate code-based local regulatory barriers to prefabricated/modular housing. It also provides model code language that can be adopted into local codes that resolves these issues. The resource also addresses statutory framework requirements and identifies op-

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And, mass timber houses look great too!

Letters to the Editor

Support Fire Levy

McKenzie Fire & Rescue is asking us to maintain current emergency responses by approving a levy of \$1.05 per \$1,000 assessed property value for five years starting 2025. This would replace - not add on to the current levy of 60 cents per \$1,000 which our community approved in 2018.

There were 804 emergent calls to the stations during 2023! Fires, vehicle accidents, and medical assistance were responded to by skilled personnel- in all kinds of weather, day and night. These calls for help have more than doubled during the past ten years!

Our current levy enables current response levels, maintaining apparatus and equipment, ongoing facilities maintenance, and continuing our community-needed and served student firefighter program.

Following our 2020 wildfires the new Disaster Relief Logistics Center (DRLC) was built. It is located next to the Leaburg Train-

ing Center. Its purpose is for our resilience during large-scale emergencies, stocked with supplies and other supportive resources.

Grants also assist. A 2023 grant allowed two more firefighters, adding to the staffing needs of at least two, plus students, on duty around the clock. This upgrades the important ability to respond to multiple simultaneous calls.

If Measure 20-356 is voted in by us, it will allow current response levels to be maintained, the student firefighter program to continue, plus equipment and facility upgrades to meet our community's growing needs.

If Measure 20-356 is not voted in, McKenzie Fire & Rescue will continue to maintain community vigilance but will need to reassess staffing which may delay responses to our calls. Plus, future improvements may be delayed.

We are proud of our fire service! It provides competent and exemplary area response out of stations

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Guest Opinion

Which way of living do we want?

As the Harbick green signs appear again for the third year along the McKenzie River, it felt like a good time to do some research online to give myself some tools in my attempt to be a responsible voter.

The first thing I did was to pull up Mr. Harbick's submission to the Oregon Voters Overseas/Military Pamphlet (<https://oregonvotes.gov/voters-guide-military/voters-guide.html>).

The second thing, and I humbly admit my complete lack of knowledge he even existed, I saw Charlie Conrad's name also listed for State House District #12, so I pulled that one up for reading also, and was very impressed.

I didn't need to know what his private life is like (none of my business), nor be told his religious beliefs (also none of my business), but his statement in the voters pamphlet told me everything I did need to know --- his impressive education, his long years of community service through his public law enforcement work, his willingness to serve on the Lane County Planning Commission (taking long, LONG hours of unpaid reading and preparation, let me tell you from experience!), and finally his, dare I say refreshing, dedication to serving his electorate over party politics and the current Republican lust-for-power-for-power's-sake, as evidenced by his accomplishments and endorsements.

Then I pulled up Rep. Conrad's website (<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/conrad/Pages/default.aspx>) and read through his biography, perused all his attached newsletters, interviews, etc., all orga-

nized well and readily available to his constituents, all demonstrating an individual, regardless of party affiliation, who understands the vital need for accountability and transparency. All in all, it appears he's done a tremendously good job as a freshman representative in state government.

Lastly, I listened to his OPB "Thinking Out Loud" interview on May 31, 2023, and I was struck by his openness in explaining the personal education process he went through to come to some of the difficult decisions he made on behalf of all Oregonians --- and I truly thank him for his bravery, and humanity, to not only be an independent and critical thinker, but also listen to his heart, and then combine these two often contrary human attributes to move ahead with compassion, understanding and basic respect for his fellow human beings.

Democrat or Republican, it doesn't matter; he did the right thing. We need more people like him representing us in government.

I also read last year's June 29th, 2023 article in the Oregon Capitol Chronicle entitled "Oregon Republicans mount campaign against one of their own while constituents defend him" (<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2023/06/29/oregon-republicans-mount-campaign-against-one-of-their-own-while-constituents-defend-him/>). Some of the language expressed in the article by those who are attempting to get him out of state government are simply inflammatory, incorrect, arrogant, and frankly, scary.

Time and time again surveys taken in rural America show that at least 64% of those surveyed



support a woman's right to choose her own healthcare destiny, so Republicans who state their representatives don't respect their rural, anti-abortion-for-all political stance are either uneducated or intentionally lying.

In fact, Rep. Conrad is not out of touch with his rural constituents. The use of "Pro-life" is a misuse of the English language; life is everywhere, not just in a woman's womb. When I think of someone being 'pro-life', I think of, just for instance, Jane Goodall, who has spent her entire life promoting the sanctity of all life, that, just in case we forget, human life is completely dependent upon.

In fact, the whole anti-abortion movement was a political ploy concocted up by the Republican financial elite to rally the evangelical community for votes, because they determined this group was the most easily conned.

Don't take my word for this, do the research yourself, just like I did, and you will be forced to come to the same conclusion. It's an old story. Human beings are not the only con artists; there are many other animals, even insects, who are experts in the same behavior. You'd think our species would learn, but we seem bound to repeat the same mistakes; it's bad enough to be conned, but admitting we've been conned is ten times worse, and so the story goes....

Rep. Conrad is also correct about gun control, which an overwhelming number of Americans support, and have for many years. Americans overwhelmingly want to see the wealthy in the U.S. pay their fair share of taxes. They overwhelmingly want protection from scams, the threat to their family's health by businesses who pollute the air, water and ground indiscriminately, and the real threat to democracy by those who would put a dictator in power. They overwhelmingly want an infrastructure that works, not just for humans, but for our animal and plant brothers and sisters,

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Letters to the Editor



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WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM				READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWING LEABURG POWERHOUSE			
Date	High	Low	Rain Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain Riverflow
4/9	59	45	980 cfs	4/9	61	40	0.04 4,400 cfs
4/10	69	38	826 cfs	4/10	63	40	0 4,220 cfs
4/11	64	39	NA	4/11	67	38	0 4,100 cfs
4/12	61	45	NA	4/12	64	45	0 4,070 cfs
4/13	56	44	810 cfs	4/13	64	42	0 4,080 cfs
4/14	843 cfs			4/14	55	49	0.89 4,720 cfs
4/15	1,030 cfs			4/15	57	44	0.02 4,610 cfs

Friday 4/19		Saturday 4/20		Sunday 4/21	
McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 5% chance precip High: 73 Low: 43	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 0% chance precip High: 53 Low: 30	McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 20% Chance precip High: 63 Low: 41	Santiam Pass Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 52 Low: 30	McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 64 Low: 41	Santiam Pass Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 56 Low: 33

Sheriff's Report

April 5: 12:02 p.m: Burglary - 51700 blk, Blue River Dr.

5:32 p.m: Harassment - 42000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. The caller wanted to document a verbal dispute that happened earlier in the month.

9:52 p.m: Burglary - 36600 blk, Camp Creek Rd. A resident reported a possible burglary that was determined to be a civil issue.

April 6: 12:02 p.m: Harassment - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr. Ongoing neighborhood issue.

12:02 p.m: Burglary - 51700 blk, Blue River Dr. Report of a burglary of a shed on the complainant's property.

12:20 p.m: Weapon Offense - Lat: 44.274279. Long: -122.790990. A BLM officer contacted a male in the area. the male was arrested for Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Criminal Trespass 2 and Unlawful Taking of Forest Products.

12:02 p.m: Harassment - 42000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. The caller wanted to document a verbal dispute that happened earlier in the month.

April 9: 12:16 a.m: Welfare Check - Booth Kelly Rd. & Deerhorn Rd.

1:04 p.m: Civil Problem - 48000 blk, Conley Rd.

8:50 p.m: Illegal Burn - 7500 blk, Thurston Rd.

April 10: 5:24 a.m: Truck Inspection - Marcola Rd. Milepost 4.

7:50 a.m: Truck Inspection - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

7:18 p.m: Assist Fire Dept. - 91600 blk, Burton Dr.

April 11: 5:24 a.m: Truck Inspection - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

7:50 a.m: Truck Inspection - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

6:03 p.m: Illegal Camping - Parsons Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

7:18 p.m: Assist Fire Dept. - 91600 blk, Burton Dr.

7:55 p.m: Assist Public -

Parsons Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

April 12: 1:24 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - 8800 blk, McK. Hwy.

11:35 a.m: Welfare Check - 90900 blk, Marcola Rd.

6:51 p.m: Fraud - 88900 blk, Ross Ln.

6:59 p.m: Suspicious Subject - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.

April 13: 12:00 p.m: Fraud - 36200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

12:00 p.m: Fraud - 88900 blk, Ross Ln.

April 14: 3:18 a.m: Criminal Mischief - Terwilliger Hot Springs. Several vehicles were broken into and items stolen. The suspect vehicle was described as a "beat up" black Mazda pickup with three occupants.

4:11 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 45600 blk, Mck. Hwy. Suspect vehicle from Hot Springs was spotted in the area.

4:26 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 48000 blk, Conley Rd.

6:41 p.m: Harassment - 38600 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd.

6:55 p.m: Vicious Dog - 88000 blk, Chita Lp. A neighbor's dog attacked another dog. An adult and child were also injured by the dog. A deputy and Lane County Animal Control are following up.

10:04 p.m: Welfare Check -

38200 blk, Boscage Ln.

11:14 p.m: Mental Subject - 88900 blk, Easy Ln.

April 15: 1:19 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 41300 blk, Mck. Hwy.

2:24 p.m: Civil Standby - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

3:29 p.m: Civil Service - 39000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd.

3:44 p.m: Civil Service - 40000 blk, Mck. Hwy.

5:21 p.m: civil service - 57000 blk, N. Bank Rd.

6:04 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

7:47 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 56300 blk, Mck. Hwy.

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

State Police Report

April 12: 06:56: Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 18. Troopers responded to a cold single motor vehicle crash with property damage. The driver was not located at the crash location. The vehicle, a silver Toyota Prius,

had driven onto the westbound shoulder, overcorrected, crossing the highway, driving off the roadway into a ditch, and crashing into a fence. The crash had caused damage to a fence used to keep in livestock. A not was left by the driver advising they would return the next day to retrieve it. The note did not have a name or any contact information listed. A name was found on a piece of mail inside the vehicle. Multiple attempts were made to contact the possible driver or person associated to the Toyota by phone and visiting the last known address. All contact attempts were unsuccessful. Mentioned: 39-year-old male.

Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

20:28: 88000 blk, Chita Loop. Public Assist. Assessed Burn Pile, No Hazards Found.

April 14: 11:19: 42000 blk, Leaburg Dr. Fire Alarm.

The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

April 9: 10:35: 51000 block, Dexter St Mutual Aid. Disregarded By Dispatch.

April 10: 14:59: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Wires Down. Confirmed Communications Line, Notified Dispatch.

20:54: 7500 blk, Thurston Rd. Illegal Burning. Unable to Make Access, Individuals Self Extinguished.

April 11: 12:50: 37000 blk,

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

April 11: 17:20: Medical - 91000 block, Horse Creek Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

18:56: Medical - 91000 blk, Horse Creek Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

April 14: 06:38: Motor Vehicle Accident - McK. Hwy./Mp. 51. Not injured, not blocking, hit two or three deer.

12:12: MVA, Unknown Injury - McK. Hwy./Mp. 45. Red vehicle in the ditch, possibly damaged.



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AGENT 6	\$1,500,000
AGENT 7	\$1,200,000
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Why legendary lawman Virgil Earp is buried in Portland

Continued From Last Week

By Finn J.D. John

Virgil settled down in Colton with Allie and tried to put down roots. He worked security for Wells Fargo & Co. — using a top-break revolver that he could reload one-handed — and opened a detective agency. Later he served as town constable, and became famous for his even temper and his ability to de-escalate potentially deadly situations. His favorite less-than-lethal law enforcement technique, when force had to be used, was “buffaloing” — that is, pistol-whipping — unruly suspects.

After the “vendetta ride,” Wyatt joined Virgil, and the two of them started following mining strikes around California and Nevada, opening saloons and gambling houses, promoting boxing matches, and engaging in similar “sin industry” entrepreneurship. They went back to Prescott in the mid-1890s to work a silver mine, and Virgil was nearly killed in a mineshaft cave-in; the injuries he suffered would eventually team up with a bad case of pneumonia to kill him.

But before they did, the shock of his life — and quite possibly the luckiest break he ever caught — came his way in the mail, with the name “Mrs. Levi Law” written above the return address.

Mrs. Levi Law, it turned out, was none other than Nellie Jane Earp — the baby girl who had been born to Virgil’s first wife, Ellen, while he was away fighting the Civil War. She had grown up in Portland, reading all about the exploits of her famous long-lost father in newspapers, and had finally gathered up the courage to reach out.

The following year, encouraged by Allie, Virgil journeyed to Portland to reconnect with his family.

He had an extremely pleasant visit with his former childhood bride, got to know his lost daughter, and met several darling grandchildren.

He made an especially big impression on his grandson, George Law, who legendary pop



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Virgil Earp's gravestone at River View Cemetery as it appeared in 2015.

historian Ralph Friedman actually tracked down and interviewed in 1976 when he was 90 years old. “A powerful big man,” Law told Friedman. “He wasn’t fat; he was broad-shouldered. His (left) arm hung like a rag.”

Virgil was still fairly young in 1899 — still in his 50s. But he was worn out. He had lived a hard life; but as a law officer he had taken on those risks with the goal of creating the kind of country that his little family could thrive and be safe in. What he found in Portland had to have melted his crusty-old-gunfighter heart. He and Allie had never had children, whether by choice or by chance. Maybe he felt bad about that. But now it was as if a whole family had just materialized out of the clear blue sky to take him in, just as his clockwork was starting to wind down.

All too soon, the visit was over, and Virgil headed back east to the latest mining-country boomtown that he and Wyatt were working: Goldfield, Nevada (this was just a year or two before legendary Portland shanghaier and all-around high-society bad guy Larry Sullivan came to Goldfield, by the way; the two likely never met.)

When, in 1905, the old law dog finally succumbed to a stubborn case of pneumonia, grown-up Baby Nellie asked Allie if she could lay her almost-lost father to

rest close by the family he always deserved but never knew he had. Allie, who seems to have been an absolute saint, readily agreed. So Virgil’s grandson-in-law, Alex Bertrand, promptly journeyed to Nevada and brought the body back to Portland, where he was laid to rest in River View Cemetery, in the family plot, close by the cold clay that once was the cream of old Oregon’s frontier elite.

And that is why you will find Virgil Earp buried in the Bertrand family plot at Riverview Cemetery, in a city he’d never lived in and only visited once. But the Oregon roots of his daughter and grandchildren were strong and deep. And the places Earp had lived hadn’t been particularly kind; he’d been shot at least three times, had been through the most unrelentingly awful war in American history and had died at a fairly young age.

After such a wild and restless life, it’s a real poetic justice that his bones are resting in a place where he’s never had to shoot at or “buffalo” anyone, close by the graves of his childhood wife and daughter, surrounded by family and friends.

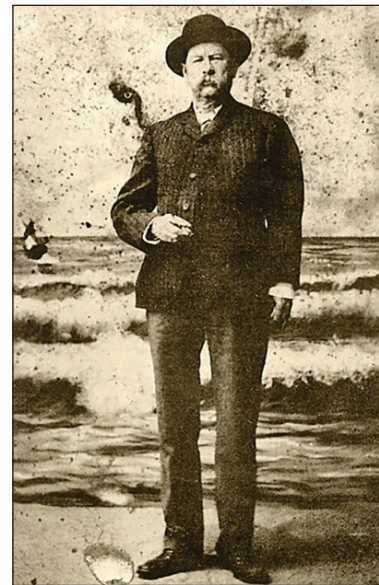
So, next time you’re up in Portland with a little time to stroll through Riverview Cemetery, you might consider stopping by Virgil’s gravesite to whisper, “Welcome home, old man; we’re glad you made it.” You know, just

in case his restless spirit is still abroad.

But I’m betting it’s not, and that it’s resting peacefully in the bosom of his once-lost family.

(Sources: *Hidden History of Civil War Oregon*, a book by Randol Fletcher published in 2011 by The History Press; *Tracking Down Oregon*, a book by Ralph Friedman published in 1990 by Caxton Press; “Virgil Earp: In a Brother’s Shadow,” an article by Lee A. Silva published in the March 2018 issue of *Wild West* magazine; “Virgil Earp,” an article by Kathy Alexander published November 2022 on the *Legends of America* Website; “The True Hero Named Earp is a Permanent Portland Resident,” an article by Bill Gallagher published Oct. 2, 2019, in *Southwest Connection*)

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Nevada Magazine
Virgil Earp in his 50s, around the time of his visit to Portland. Notice his unnaturally short left arm, ruined by a shotgun blast in the aftermath of the OK Corral incident.



By Slim Randles

Spring mornings are a lot like Christmas. Each day we get up and go out into the yard, or walk along the creek or visit the horses in the pasture. And each day, each morning, we find something new the sun has brought us.

Pinfeather leaves of an unbelievable green now start showing on cottonwoods that have stood like stark ghostly frames all through the cold winter. Hopeful blades of grass peek through clumps of brown left over from last summer’s verdant pasture. Everywhere we look there is something new and different.

A lot of this Christmas-in-spring is kept just among us, because we might be accused of being ... well ... poetic if we told people why we were really carrying that coffee cup out into the yard. So we say lame things like “I think I’ll get some of that fresh air this morning.” What we really mean, of course, is “I want to see if Richardson’s bay mare has had that foal yet.”

Some of us have worked very hard last fall and winter to prepare for this spring. By grafting. OK, we have a Granny Smith apple tree. Let’s see if we can’t get a branch of Rome Beauties or Jonagolds to grow on it, too. And we understand completely that where we live no olive tree can survive the winter. That isn’t supposed to stop us from trying, is it?

Nature pitches us a boatload of challenges each day that we’re alive. This plant needs more water than falls naturally here. That tree can’t take the temperatures we get. This little tree needs soil with more organic matter in it.

And those challenges are the stuff winter dreams are made of. We do the best we can to cure the lack, the freeze, the drought, and then we wait for April. We wait impatiently until we can come out of the house some morning and check the grafts on the apple tree and see tiny green leaves coming on the grafted branch. We search the bare ground where we planted that new kind of seed that won’t grow here - to see if it’ll grow here.

It is a continuing feast of green, a triumph of anticipation. An April morning can make us want to sing.

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Gardening Tips



Herbs - easy to grow & many uses



By Nicole Sanchez
Herbs include some of the easiest plants to grow. In addition to culinary uses, herbs offer fragrance, oils that deter pests and flowers that support pollinators. While a few herbs are hardy enough to be perennial in cooler climates such as in the Klamath Basin, others will be annuals in those areas, to be enjoyed primarily in the warm months.

Some tender herbs can be overwintered indoors, but the results are often disappointing, especially when attempted without supplemental lighting. Most culinary herbs perform best in full sunlight, difficult to replicate indoors.

Like warm-season vegetables, herbs considered “warm season” thrive best when air and soil temperatures are consistently above 60°F. Herbs benefit from cold night protection in the same way that vegetables do. Herb gardeners often remove developing buds from plants to prolong the length of time leaves can be harvested.

The University of Nevada Extension reports that the optimum picking time for most leafy herbs is right as flower buds start to open. As seed develops, flavor is changed, diminishing culinary value. One approach to having herbs for both culinary use and pollinator enhancement is to have multiple plants, allowing some to bloom right away while trimming buds off others for use in the kitchen.

For more detail on when to harvest specific herbs, check out the University of Nevada Extension publication on harvesting and preserving culinary herbs: Selected Culinary



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Herbs Harvesting, Preservation and Usage.

Basil

Among the most tender of annual herbs, basil is easily damaged in cold, and cool weather can dramatically slow its rate of growth. Once the plant gets going, regular pinching of leaves is the best way to encourage more leaves to continue to develop. Two shoots will develop from each place leaves were pinched.

Later in the summer, entire stems can be removed from the plant. Basil is a great pollinator attractor, so grow extra to allow flowering if pollinator support is part of your gardening plan. Basil occasionally gets aphids but is otherwise usually free of insect pests.

Dill

Much harder than basil, dill performs OK in cool weather but really takes off as temperatures rise. Both the leaves and seeds of this plant are commonly used for cooking and seasoning — far fewer people realize that the flowers are also edible.

Dill is very easy to grow, is attractive to pollinators and its flowers even last in a vase as cut stems. Pay attention to the variety

you are purchasing to make sure it's appropriate for its allotted space: there are cultivars from one to six feet tall. ‘Fernleaf’ is one of the more compact varieties that might perform well in a container.

Summer savory

This lesser-known member of the mint family is often referred to as the “bean herb,” giving a clue to one of its common uses. Because this plant grows quickly, it is often direct-seeded outside. However, the seeds take up to twenty-one days to germinate — possibly longer in cool soils. Gardeners in cooler regions will probably benefit from starting these plants indoors to be transplanted.

Leaves should be harvested before the plants go into flower. Harvest a complete stem, then remove the leaves by stripping them from the stem with fingers. Savory is delicious with grilled fish and in soups. Its small leaves make it easy to dry quickly.

Marjoram

Oregano’s timid cousin, marjoram plants are more cold-tender than oregano, with a similar but more subtle flavor. Perennial in warm climates, marjoram is grown like an annual where winters are harsh. The foliage can be cut frequently and is easy to use both fresh and dried.

Rather than attempting to overwinter plants outside, it may be helpful to cut sprigs in the fall, root cuttings indoors and replant the following spring. Marjoram plants grow slowly at first, becoming more vigorous in warm weather.

Lemon balm

This member of the mint family has a bad reputation for invasiveness in southern climates but is too tender to become invasive in cooler areas. The seed needs light to germinate, so it should not be planted deeply — just pressed into the soil.

Under best conditions, germination is erratic and slow so buying a plant start is likely to be less frustrating in areas with short growing seasons. Adding a sprig to iced or hot tea imparts a mild lemon flavor.

The plant has few insect or disease issues, but leaves will turn brown and crinkly in intense sun. Unlike most other members of the mint family, lemon balm prefers light shade.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



ENJOY CULINARY MEMORABILIA

Salt shakers, mixing bowls, egg beaters, refrigerator dishes, rolling pins, spice tins, and juicers may seem rather ordinary kitchen items. However, it's usually not a monetary value that's important (although this could be there), but the memories they evoke.

Sometimes you'll come across these items in an antique shop, auction, or a book on collectibles. Or you may be cleaning out a home when you or a parent must move to a smaller abode. Immediately they'll bring back memories of family occasions... dining, cooking, gift giving... which can be humorous, nostalgic, or bittersweet.

Green Jadite

When I came across a green Jadite salt shaker my mom had saved, I recalled this set we'd used throughout my childhood. These were round, about five inches high with an metal screw top. Raised ridges decorate the lower half of each shaker. The glass was an opaque milky green.

We used them every day and didn't value them as we did the gold colored ones my grandparents received as a 50th Wedding Anniversary gift. Those were kept for “company.”

However, when I saw the Jadite shaker it brought back memories of meals around the farmhouse kitchen table. I wondered where to find a matching pepper shaker

and discovered one in an antique shop. Then I became curious to learn more about these items and found they probably were made by the Jeannette Glass Company.

I also discovered there were many other Jadite items for kitchen use...other shapes of shakers, canisters, juicers, butter dishes, refrigerator dishes, mixing bowls, match holders, and pitchers. The same designs were made in other colors. While attractive, they don't evoke the memories the Jadite does.

Memories Among the Recipes

CHICKEN DIVAN is a dish my family enjoys. Cook 2 small or one large package broccoli spears until just tender. Either cook 4 whole chicken breasts or use the equivalent of leftover cooked chicken cut into pieces. Lay broccoli in a 9 x 13-inch baking dish. Lay chicken over broccoli.

Mix together 1 can cream of mushroom soup, 1 can cream of chicken soup, 1/4 cup grated cheddar cheese, 1/2 cup sour cream, 1 small can mushroom pieces. Pour over chicken and broccoli. Bake at 350 degrees F. about 45 minutes, until heated through and bubbly. (For lower calorie meal, use low fat soups, cheese, and sour cream.)

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

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Community Notes

April 18

Leaburg Food Pantry

The Pantry will be open from 3 to 6 p.m. at the McKenzie Bible Fellowship, 45061 McK. Hwy. in Vida. All are welcome.

April 18

Wires on the Fly

There will be readings from Nathaniel Riverhorse Nakadate, Anne Landfield, Brett Tallman, and Jessica Maxwell, as well as art from James Sampsel from 6:30pm - 7:30pm at the Caddis Fly Shop, 168 W 6th Ave, Eugene. Proceeds from the event raffle will benefit fish conservation in Oregon. Raffle prizes include gear from Sage Fly Fish, RIO Products, The Flyfish Journal and more.

Readers will include:

Nathaniel Riverhorse Nakadate is an adventure journalist based in Houston, TX. His work has been published widely, including in The Flyfish Journal and Fretboard Journal. Nakadate is a Patagonia Fly Fishing Ambassador who is always ready to put a smile on your face with a well-timed practical joke.

Anne Landfield is a Seattle poet, writer, and fly fishing guide. Before taking up fly fishing, she tried her hand at alpine ski racing, showing horses and earning a 3rd-degree black belt in kung fu. Her work has been published in The Flyfish Journal, Zyzzyva, and The Santa Barbara Review, among others.

Jessica Maxwell is an Oregon-based writer and the author of "I Don't Know Why I Swallowed the Fly." Maxwell is a former contributor to Esquire whose work has been included in The Best American Travel Writing series.

Brett Tallman is a freelance writer whose stories have appeared in The Flyfish Journal, The Drake Magazine, and Northwest Fly Fishing. Originally from Olympia, Washington, he now lives in Oregon.

April 20

A 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.

April 21

Walterville Open House

The Walterville Grange is inviting people to an Open House at the Walterville Community Center on Sunday, April 21st from 2 to 4 p.m. Stop in for refreshments and conversation while recognizing April as Grange Month. Joining in will be other community groups providing information on Plant Care, Emergency Radios, EWEB, The Discovery Center, Representative Charlie Conrad, and others. The Walterville Community Center is located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Walterville.

April 22

Spfd School Board

The Springfield School District Board of Directors meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (except July) at 7 p.m. Regular business meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Monday and work sessions are generally held at 4 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month.

April 22

School All Stars

Willamalane's After-School All-Star Leagues are the ultimate school kid's sports programs for 4th and 5th graders in the Springfield Public School district will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. Professional coaches will teach essential skills like teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship while your child learns the fundamentals of sports at a recreational level. Participants from each elementary will form a team and represent their school. Your child will proudly wear a jersey representing their school during five games played against other Springfield schools in the league. This program is open to all kids, regardless of skill or ability. The season lasts six weeks, providing ample opportunity for your child to develop skills and make new friends.

Practices: After school on Monday and Tuesday from 3-4 p.m. at your child's elementary school. There are no practices on no-school days.

Track Meets: Three track meets will be on Thursdays throughout the season. Check back soon for schedule details.

Fee: \$90. Scholarships are available for those who qualify. Registration will be open until April 26th.

April 23

McK Food Pantry

Calling The McKenzie Food Pantry will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy. Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 11 am - 1 pm, every 2nd & 4th Friday.

April 22-26

Drift Boat Class

Calling all boat enthusiasts. There are still openings available in the upcoming McKenzie River Drift Boat Building workshop happening from April 22-26 at the McKenzie River Discovery Center, 44645 McKenzie Hwy. Join a thrilling 5-day hands-on class where you will dive into the process of how a boat is built in free form and gain the confidence to build your boat! All participants will have the chance to go home with the boat you built in class!

Secure your spot today and prepare for a memorable experience. Get info at: tinyurl.com/ne6d568j

April 24

Board of Commissioners

Lane County Board of Commissioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene. The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

April 24

Blood Drive

The Community Bloodmobile will be located at McKenzie River Clinic's Parking Lot, 54771 McKenzie Highway, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in partnership with Bloodworks Northwest to donate blood and save local lives! All donations go to patients in the PNW. Snacks and drinks will be provided! Questions? Call MRC @ (541) 822-3341 or Bloodworks directly @ (800) 398-7888

April 24

Lane Electric Board

The Lane Electric Coop Board of Directors meeting will be held from 9 to 10:30am at 787 Bailey Hill Rd, Eugene. Members of Lane Electric Cooperative can join monthly board meetings, which begin at 9 a.m. Each meeting begins with a member comment period. Individual members have three minutes to address the board at that time. Topics presented will

be discussed amongst the board and followed up on accordingly. If you wish to address the Lane Electric board please complete a meeting request form at least five days prior to the meeting you would like to attend.

April 24

Watershed Wednesday

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

April 24

McKenzie Main Street

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce invites people to attend a listening session from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Vida Community Center to share ideas about how to shape the future of the McKenzie River regional economy. This visioning process is seen as a tool to support communities' long-term health and sustainability all along the Valley. This process will be inclusive, community-driven, and asset-based, building on what the region is already doing well. Results will support the region in finding synergies and opportunities to work toward a shared vision and goals and in accessing resources for those goals more quickly. The primary outcome of this effort will be establishing a Regional Main Street leadership structure. Contact info@McKenzieChamber.com

April 26

"SOUND ADVICE"

Stop in at the Vida Community Center from 4:45 to 5:45p.m. to learn how to use the Center's Hearing Loop to access live music and speech with your hearing device or cochlear implant. Bring friends and family. Refreshments. 90377 Thomson Lane, Vida. Questions? 541-896-3001.

May 4 & 5

Guild Art Sale

Members of the McKenzie Artists' Guild will celebrate their 31st anniversary at their annual Art Show & Sale. 13 artists will display their works at the Leaburg Fire Training and Education Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg: Kris Anderson, Janet Biles, Kathryn Cannon, Cindy Cartledge, Whitney Crane, Sandy Dunbar, Joe Frank, Ali Hennes, Joyce Hubbard, Marjorie Lewellen, Lucy Rudy, Joanne Simmons Walch & Susan Warner.

Visitors will be treated to coffee, tea and homemade cookies while viewing the works of art. The works of art included watercolor, oil, jewelry, Photography, quilling, painted glass, woodwork,

ceramics, yard art, Stenciling/embroidery, and art cards.

Spring 2024

Master Gardeners

The OSU Extension Service Lane County Master Gardeners have announced their public Pruning class schedule for 2024. Lane County Master Gardeners are offering public pruning classes in the winter and spring of 2024. Class participants will learn about pruning tools and equipment, tool care, as well as techniques to prune specific types of trees and ornamentals. Master Gardeners are eager to share their knowledge and experience with participants and want their class experience to be interactive, fun, and educational. Pre-Registration is required. For a full list of classes, details, locations, and pre-registration information visit our events page: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/county/lane/events> For more information, please contact the OSU Extension Service - Lane County office, 996 Jefferson Street, Eugene (enter on 10th at the wheelchair ramp) 541-344-5859 or at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane>

April 27

Boat Festival

The McKenzie River Wooden Boat Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Lodge, 49198 McKenzie Hwy. For those planning to bring a boat to the show please arrive at the Eagle Rock Lodge early enough (9 a.m.) so your boat can get a courtesy tow from the parking area to the riverfront grounds. People interested in joining an informal flotilla to Eagle Rock should plan to launch from the Forest Glen Landing at 9 (Finn Rock is currently closed for construction). Plan to arrive at Eagle Rock Lodge around 10:30. Boats can be pulled from the river and parked on the grounds to display and picked up or launched to float downstream for takeout one-half mile downstream at the Silver Creek Landing. Please pre-arrange your shuttles. There is no pre-registration or fee for viewing or showing boats. <https://oregonsboat.org/festival>. 541-285-3676

April 30

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McKenzie Students of the Month

For the month of March we focused on "Respectful" in our RIVER acronym. We looked for students who "respect school staff and peers, are helpful and considerate of others, actively listen to all speakers, and communicate positively."



High School student Aytan Muñoz-Brown treats all staff and students at McKenzie with kindness and respect. He always communicates well with teachers and classmates. Aytan goes out of his way to acknowledge and listen to others. He never has to be reminded to stay on task, and he works hard in class. He has become a great role model for McKenzie students K-12.



Middle School student Allie Mayer is always the first to class and works hard every minute she is in there. She is kind to her teachers and classmates. Allie is always willing to lend a helping hand. When teachers give her feedback, she respectfully receives that information and does her best to implement those suggestions.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

No Victors



Gabriel Silverio

Last Friday night I was caught with another woman by my girlfriend. When my longtime girlfriend came to my house, I told her I was going to bed early. She suspected something and came back to find this woman in my house. We had been cheating for about a year. The other woman didn't know either.

My girlfriend had a fit. She cursed me up and down and told me she wanted to hit me. After about 30 minutes of that, she left. On the way out she keyed my car. Then the other lady had her say. Mostly she could not believe I would do this to her.

I felt as low as I could feel. I felt so bad for my girlfriend. It hurt me so bad. I finally realized she is what I was searching for in a woman. I need her in my life. But she may never speak to me

again. She may never look at me again with those big eyes. That thought feels like a knife cutting me inside.

Why did I do it? I look back now and know it was because of ego and lust. I didn't go after the other lady. She came after me. I backed off several times, but she kept coming so I gave in. When that woman asked me several times if I was seeing someone, I said I had a friend but nothing heavy.

This was hard on me, very hard. I carried around a lot of guilt which made me angry toward my girlfriend. My girlfriend knew something was up. She also kept telling me if I was interested in someone else to tell her. But I didn't want to lose her.

I told my pastor, and he prayed for us. He tried to call my girlfriend, but she would not answer the phone because she thinks it's me. Now my question is, how do I get my girlfriend back?

Matthew

Matthew, there's an old saying

that there are no atheists in a foxhole. For a year you did something your religion tells you not to do, but did you see your pastor then? No. You saw him after you got caught. Ask yourself if the god you worship isn't the god called self-interest.

You seek to use your pastor as a Trojan horse, but the Trojan horse was not a gift. It was a trick. You want to use your pastor to get your girlfriend back. You want her to forgive you. But forgiveness does not imply she needs to take you back, and she would be foolish to do it.

You would still be cheating if your girlfriend hadn't caught you. You blame the other woman even though you lied to her. That woman thought she had a boyfriend, when all you were doing was using her for sex.

If you don't suffer consequences, you won't learn not to do this again. You will learn you can cheat and get away with it.

Wayne & Tamara

animals, home, and work. He, on the other hand, seems to thrive on chaos and criticism of others. His behavior toward others simply appalls me.

He contacted me again and says he wants me in his life. My family is totally against us having a relationship. They all think he is arrogant. I think I still love him, but I don't really think that much of his character. What do you think?

Linda

Linda, who doesn't love puppies? Their antics are spellbinding. But they also mess on the carpet and chew on the furniture. If you take this "puppy" home again, you're apt to remember why you don't really like dogs.

Wayne

Wayne & Tamara are the authors of *Cheating in a Nutshell* and *The Young Woman's Guide to Older Men*—available from Amazon, iTunes, and booksellers everywhere.

Eating Poetry

By Mark Strand

Ink runs from the corners of my mouth.

There is no happiness like mine.

I have been eating poetry.

The librarian does not believe what she sees.

Her eyes are sad

and she walks with her hands in her dress.

The poems are gone.

The light is dim.

The dogs are on the basement stairs and coming up. Their

eyeballs roll,

their blond legs burn like brush.

The poor librarian begins to stamp her feet and weep.

She does not understand.

When I get on my knees and lick her hand,

she screams.

I am a new man.

I snarl at her and bark.

I romp with joy in the bookish dark.

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Mark Strand was recognized as one of the premier American poets of his generation as well as an accomplished editor, translator, and prose writer. The hallmarks of his style are precise language, surreal imagery, and the recurring theme of absence and negation; later collections investigate ideas of the self with pointed, often urbane wit. Named the US poet laureate in 1990, Strand's career spanned five decades, and he won numerous accolades from critics and a loyal following among readers. In 1999 he was awarded the prestigious Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for his collection *Blizzard of One*.

His honors include the Bollingen Prize, grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a National Institute of Arts and Letters Award, a Rockefeller Foundation award, and fellowships from the Academy of American Poets, the MacArthur Foundation, and the Ingram Merrill Foundation. He served as a chancellor of the Academy of American Poets. He taught at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Chicago, and Columbia University. He died in late 2014 at the age of 80.

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- 48. Sell again
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- 1. "Oh, woe!"
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 - 27. Moral weaknesses
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 - 31. Mountain lake
 - 32. As a whistle?
 - 33. 1960s abstractionism
 - 34. **Pomp and Circumstance," e.g.
 - 36. Dried up
 - 38. Adjust the pitch, with "up"
 - 42. Previous VP
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 - 49. Skedaddle
 - 51. Moroccan spiced stew
 - 54. Eurasian antelope
 - 56. Sacha Cohen's middle name
 - 57. Olden days "do", second person singular
 - 58. Sean Penn's movie "____ the Wild"
 - 59. Embarkation location
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- 17. Be off base
- 18. Less typical
- 19. *Graduating class
- 21. *S in BS
- 23. *Graduating NCAA play-

- er's goal?
- 24. FedEx, verb
- 25. "I Want My _____," television channel
- 28. Daytime drama
- 30. Online business
- 35. Fleur-de-lis
- 37. Dart
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Stay in touch with what's happening - open the McKenzie Community Calendar!

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Events from Apr 18th

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- Springfield Museum closure** (Apr 18, 5:00pm - 5:30pm)
- Leasburg Food Pantry** (Apr 18, 5:00pm - 5:30pm)
- A Dime At A Time** (Apr 20, 10:00am - 11:00am)
- Blue River Boile Boys** (Apr 20, 10:00am - 11:00am)
- Springfield School Board Meeting** (Apr 22, 7:00pm)
- Drift Boat Building Class** (Apr 22, 9:00am - 4:00pm)
- After School All Stars** (Apr 22, 3:00pm - 4:00pm)
- Lane County Board of Commissioners** (Apr 23, 10:00am - 11:00am)
- Family Story Time** (Apr 23, 10:00am - 11:00am)
- McKenzie River Food Pantry** (Apr 23, 10:00am - 1:00pm)
- Watershed Wednesday** (Apr 24, 9:00am - 9:30am)
- Wacky Wednesdays Bingo** (Apr 24, 5:00pm - 5:30pm)
- McKenzie "Main Street" meeting** (Apr 25, 3:00pm - 4:30pm)
- Kids Eat Free** (Apr 25, 5:00pm - 7:30pm)
- Lane County Board of Commissioners** (Apr 30, 10:00am - 11:00am)
- A Dime At A Time** (Apr 30, 10:00am - 11:00am)
- NatureScaping & Fine Plant Landscaping Workshop** (Apr 30, 5:00pm - 7:30pm)

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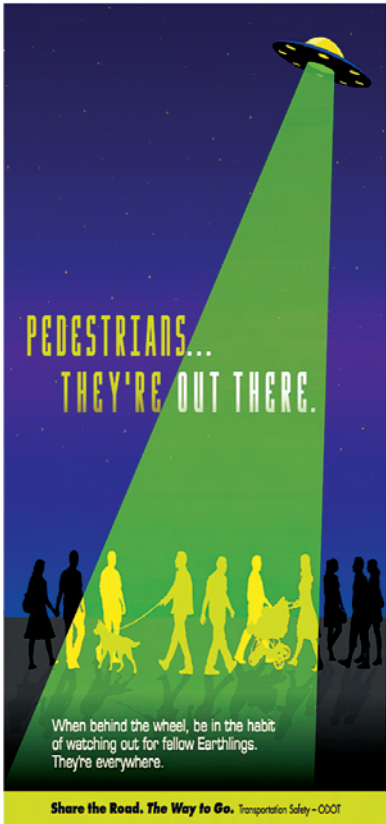
A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

April 20 - Although he lived only forty-four years, Louis Akin became one of Oregon's most celebrated artists. As a young man, this Portland native worked as a sign painter but gave that up to live in a cabin in the mountains to observe and paint nature. In 1901 Akin received national acclaim when his illustrated book of scenes from the Oregon Trail was published. Two years later he moved to Arizona where he lived among the Hopi painting scenes of the native people and beautiful panoramas of the Grand Canyon. Today Akin's work, found on display at the finest museums of western art, is most valued for his skill as a painter and the historical timeframe he captured.

Quote of the Week

"The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it."
Franklin P. Jones



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SESSION 1: SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMY
Friday, April 26, 3:00-4:30pm | Vida Community Center

SESSION 2: ARTS & CULTURE ECONOMY
Friday, May 10, 3:00-4:30pm | McKenzie Discovery Center

SESSION 3: NATURE & RECREATION ECONOMY
Thursday, May 30, 3:00-4:30pm
McKenzie High School, District Board Room

All are welcome. Share your thoughts, and learn about Main Street strategies that can help revitalize the regional economy. Listening Sessions facilitated by Rural Development Initiatives.

Questions? Contact Ken Engelman, president@McKenzieChamber.com

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Fire Levy

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from Camp Creek, Waltherville, Leaburg, Vida, and Nimrod.

During our catastrophic Rainbow Fire, firefighters patrolled and suppressed the ability for its enlargement, saving lives and many structures.

During our recent devastating ice storm, the Leaburg Training Center provided a warm, safe shelter, staff comfort and updates, internet, and coffee.

On top of being technically competent, the department is transparent in both operation and communication. We are always invited to tour and talk with staff.

Being a volunteer firefighter for six years during college taught me the value of service through dif-

ficult and dangerous work. Our McKenzie Valley is fortunate to have such an organization serving us! Let's support Measure 20-356!

Informational meetings are for all of us. Here is a current list:

Thursday, April 25, 10:00 a.m. Coffee with the Chief Bucich.

Saturday, April 27, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Community open house.

Monday, April 29, 6:00 p.m. Community public meeting.

Tuesday, May 7, 10:00 a.m. Coffee with the Chief Bucich.

Conrad Brown, President
Deerhorn Ranch Acres
Community Organization

Which way?

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too. They overwhelmingly want a healthy public educational system that upholds a strong community and helps their children learn to be critical thinkers. They overwhelmingly want to avoid punishing the poor for being poor, and struggle with the American crisis of health care.

History teaches us that, if human beings who decide to live together and build community don't prioritize the health and well-being of their neighbors, regardless of any religious and political affiliations,

then there will be no community at all. Just contagion, in which those that have rule those that don't, and truth and compassion gets thrown out the window. This is the critical reason government is created, and it can only reflect our priorities.

Which way of living do we want? We must decide, and stand forward to say it, gently but firmly.

Respectfully submitted
Francesca Anton
Rainbow

Open House

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staff will be available to discuss various EWEB topics such as

* Landowner resources including Holiday Farm Fire resources and programs for McKenzie Valley customers, conservation incentives, and other EWEB service offerings

* Pure Water Partners programs
* EWEB McKenzie River hydroelectric projects and dam safety

* Carmen-Smith construction timeline updates
* Leaburg Decommissioning Action Plan

* Waltherville Canal outage
* Tree Management Program

* Wildfire mitigation and emergency preparedness including Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) and EWEB's draft Wildfire Mitigation Plan

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For questions about the Mass Timber Code-UP project please contact:

Kieran Turnbull, Mass Timber Coordinator, 971-428-7318, kieran.turnbull@dled.oregon.gov

Leigh McIlvaine, Economic Development Specialist, 971-701-1041, leigh.mcilvaine@dled.oregon.gov

The U.S. Economic Development Administration has awarded the Oregon Mass Timber Coalition \$41.4 million in 2022 to develop and expand Oregon's growing mass timber industry. As a

founding member of the coalition, the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) was awarded \$500,000 to assist communities with development code updates that will accelerate the use of modular mass timber housing throughout the state, providing housing options.

More information about the DLCDC Mass Timber Code-UP project can be found here: <https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/Housing/Pages/Mass-Timber-Modular-Housing-Code-UP-Project.aspx>

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