



Test plot success

Transplanted from the Malheur Forest, armillaria ostoyae is thriving.

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Aim straight

Single-shot hunting restrictions are now in effect

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Sharkbird caught

A selvas, known for its featureless body and soul-boring cobalt-blue eyes was captured.

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Red tape holds up new bridge



Cyclists hope they'll soon pedal across this gap in the Robinson Trail.

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: Efforts to construct a new access point for the McKenzie River Trail are moving forward - on the ground, at least. Three weeks ago members of the Dirt Dogs gravel cycling group completed leveling a pathway from the Clear Lake Cutoff to a ledge at the edge of Robinson Canyon.

Sam Taylor, who's been leading the volunteer group's work party said they've reached the edge of a sharp dropoff where a new

suspension bridge will be strung. "We're ready," Taylor said, "and have already packed in the main cables and vertical rods that will attach to the bridge deck."

Taylor said the project has been stalled until a final pre-construction approval form has been approved and filed.

"Technology has helped us get rid of all the administrative red tape," he jokes. "Now the hangups are all digital."

"Missing woman" mystery solved

CLEAR LAKE: A group of tourists spent almost four hours last Saturday night hunting for a missing woman near Clear Lake, only to find her among the search party.

The group was travelling through the area on a tour bus and had made two prior stops at Koosah and Sahalie Falls. Soon after having an early lunch at the Clear Lake Resort, word spread

that a female passenger was missing.

The woman, who had changed clothes, didn't recognize the description of herself, and joined the volunteer party.

But the search was called off about 3 p.m. when it became clear the missing woman was, in fact, among the assembled volunteers and had lengthened their time in the field by searching for herself.

Shot off wife's leg helps local golfer go below par

RAINBOW: After a particularly bad round of golf, Robert Becker said he decided not to go to the nineteenth hole [the clubhouse bar] and started to go straight home.

As he was walking to the golf car park to get his Range Rover, a Sheriff's Deputy stopped him and asked, "Did you tee off on the seventeenth hole about twenty minutes ago?"

"Yes", Robert answered

"Did you happen to slice your ball so that it went over the trees and out of bounds and completely out of sight?"

"Yes, I did. How did you know?"

Robert responded.

"Well", said the deputy, with a grave face, "Your golf ball flew into a golf cart, hit a woman's leg and ricocheted onto the main road where it crashed through the windshield of a BMW. The car's driver lost control and crashed into a fire engine. The fire engine was un-



Fran Brecker overplayed the extent of her injuries after her husband's errant ball set off a chain of events last Saturday.

able to reach a fire in time and a shed burned down. Now, what do you intend to do about it?"

Robert thought it over very

carefully and responded, "I think I'll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb."

Some safety experts say school bus passengers should be belted

SPRINGFIELD: When it comes to hitching a ride to school, we're told by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that riding a school bus is the safest way to go about it. In fact, the NHTSA reports that while four to six school-age children die each year in school owned vehicles, school buses are the safest roadway travel mode.

While those kind of statistics are impressive, the Springfield School District wanted to know, "if school buses really are safer than cars, why don't most school buses have seat belts," Stanly Slocum, the district's transportation manager, told the school board last week.

A lot of it comes down to how they're designed. Unlike other vehicles on the road today, traffic analysts say school buses offer better crash and rollover protection. That's because they use "compartmentalization," which includes spacing seats close together. Additionally, seats in school bus feature high, energy-absorbing backs. That feature is said to prevent children from being tossed around in a crash.

As safe as school buses are, it's important to note that most school buses don't have seat belts. While such belts are an absolute necessity in most cars and have been since 1968, that's not always the case with school buses. And if

you're wondering why? It's because seat belts just aren't necessary for school buses, the NHTSA reports.

"There is no question that seat belts play an important role in keeping passengers safe in these vehicles. But school buses are different by design, including a different kind of safety restraint system that works extremely well," the NHTSA explains.

And that safety restraint system? It's all in how school buses are designed. "Through compartmentalization, children are protected from crashes by strong, closely-spaced seats that have energy-absorbing seat backs," the NHTSA says.

However, while most school buses don't have seat belts, some do. In fact, the NHTSA requires that small buses or school vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less must be equipped with lap or lap/shoulder belts.

School buses are designed with your child's safety in mind officials say. And while they may not come readily equipped with seat belts, the NHTSA reports that's OK.



Letters to the Editor

Why withhold info?

I have tried to get the members list to McKenzie Valley Wellness, it is information that all members should have access to. I have been provided the meeting minutes, but for some reason, the member list is not being released.

To be a member you must have volunteered, or been part of the clinic situation, or been a patient.

We have been all of that

- helping remove debris after Snowmagedon etc, for the clinic. Valerie Rapp, MVW president, has refused to give me the list, even after providing the minutes of meetings. So how does one get the list?

ORS 65 says all members are entitled to the information.

Katie Glenn
Leaburg

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Track and Field teams will travel to Mapleton this Wednesday, March 30, to participate at the 1A-SD2 League Meet. Teams participating include Crow, Glendale, Mapleton, Riddle, Triangle Lake, and McKenzie. Field events start at 4:00 pm and Track events begin at 4:30 pm.

The Eagle teams will participate in the 1A-SD2 League Meet held at the Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track venue on Saturday, April 2. Field events start at 11:00 am and Track events will begin at 12:00 pm. Teams participating include Crow, Mapleton, Paisley, Mohawk, Triangle Lake, and the Eagles of McKenzie.

Eagle Track And Field Opens At Home With the MCTF Icebreaker Meet

The McKenzie Varsity Track and Field teams opened their home stand at the MCTF Icebreaker meet held last Saturday, March 26, at the Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track venue. The meet sponsored by McKenzie Community Track and Field in cooperation with McKenzie High School, featured boys and girls track teams representing Mapleton, Mohawk, North Douglas, Siletz, Oakridge, Veritas, Triangle Lake, Yoncalla, and McKenzie.

The meet was the first of the season for MCTF at the Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track and small opening season glitches aside; the weather was fantastic and the meet highly successful according to officials and participants alike. The great start kicks off a busy local track schedule that resumes this Saturday, April 2, with the 1A-SD2 League Meet.

The MCTF will host the AMJ Invitational meet on Saturday, April 9 and the 1A-SD2 District 2 Special District meet on Friday, May 13. These above meets all feature Varsity teams. The MCTF will also host two Middle School Track and Field meets, the Mt. West League Middle School

meet on Saturday, April 23, and the MWL MS District meet on Saturday, May 7. Plan to spend a day at the beautiful Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track encouraging our local Eagle teams and their opponents.

Eagle Girls Finish 5th, Eagle Boys Capture 6th At MCTF Icebreaker Meet

The North Douglas and Yoncalla Boys Track and Field teams represent schools that are geographically neighbors in Douglas County and often times have combined their athletes to field teams. So it was interesting that last Saturday at the MCTF Icebreaker meet, the two teams finished up their day on the AMJ track tied for first place, each team earning 57 points. That should make for good conversation around morning coffee at the communities local cafes.

Triangle Lake finished a close third with 49 points, holding off a closing Mohawk, which earned 47 points for fourth. Siletz Valley took fifth at 40 points and McKenzie Head Coach Jack Devereaux's team finished their home opener in sixth with 32 points. Rounding out the field, Oakridge finished seventh with 13 points and Veritas took eighth with 4 points.

The girl's competition was every bit as exciting as North Douglas fought off Triangle Lake, the Warriors winning by a single point 92 to the Lakers 91 points. Oakridge finished third with 52 points, Mohawk took fourth at 31 points, the McKenzie girls finished their home opener in fifth place with 23 points, Yoncalla took sixth with 4 points and Siletz Valley was seventh with 1 point earned.

Individually, McKenzie junior Trent Peek had the highest Eagle finish on the day, earning a second place mark in the Javelin, throwing the implement 109ft. 2.5 in. Teammate Thomas Hayes took sixth with a 96 ft. 7 in. throw. Triangle Lake's Dakota



McConnell won the Javelin with a 115 ft. 1 in. stick. Peek also took home a fifth place finish in the 100-meter race, posting a time of 12.74 seconds. Eagle teammate Solomon Acevedo finished right behind in sixth with a 12.81 second time. Aiden O'Dea of Mohawk won the 100 m. in 11.69 sec.

McKenzie's Cody Morales threw the Discus 57 ft. 5 in., good for fifth place and Ray Gerrard of North Douglas won that event with a 137 ft. 11 in. mark. Morales also finished ninth in the Shot Put with a 25 ft. 11 in. effort and Gerrard won that event with a throw of 38 ft. 5 in.

McKenzie junior Jamie LeClair ran the 400 m. race in 1 minute 8.21 sec., which qualified him for a fourteenth place finish. Zion Fantroy of Siletz Valley won the 400 m. in 57.17 sec. The McKenzie 4x100 m. team, consisting of Acevedo, Hayes, LeClair and Peek, ran the event unopposed in a time of 52.06 sec.

In the other two events on the day, Mitch Dumford of Triangle Lake won the 1500 m. in a time of 4 minutes 47.97 seconds and Cash Adams of Siletz Valley won the 110 m. hurdles, finishing in 24.61 sec.

In the girls competition, Hannah Prater had a fine day at the office, finishing fourth in the Discus, fifth in the Shot Put, and tenth in the Javelin. Prater's mark in the Discus was 57 ft. 2 in. and sister Hailey Prater finished seventh at 50 ft. 8 in. Savannah Harkins of North Douglas won the Shot Put with a throw of 25 ft. 8.5 in.

Hannah Prater's fifth place mark of 22 ft. 1 in. again placed her just ahead of sister-teammate Hailey, who took sixth at 20 ft. 11.5 in. Grace Sjostrom of Triangle Lake won the event at 25 ft. 8.5 in.

Hailey Prater topped her sister in the Javelin; finishing fourth with a throw of 72 ft. 6.5 in. and Hannah's tenth place throw was marked at 36 ft. 8 in. Winning the Javelin was North Douglas' Harkins who threw for an 83 ft. 8 in. stick.

McKenzie's Adrian Caulley took sixth in the Long Jump, scoring an 11ft. 1 in. mark and Audri Ward

of North Douglas won that event with a leap of 13 ft. 5 in. Caulley also finished eighth in the 100 m. race in a time of 15.3 sec.

Mia Piscopo of North Douglas won the 100 m., finishing in 13.6 sec. Piscopo also won the 400 m. race in 1 min. 8.94 seconds and she was the final leg of the North Douglas quartet of Ward, Harkins, and Tabitha Baker that won the 4x100 relay in a time of 55.64 sec. Katherine Abbott of Oakridge finished the 1500 m. run in first place with a winning time of 5 min. 33.14 seconds.

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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
3/22	70	44	0.01 NA	3/22	50	43	0.41 4,680 cfs
3/23	57	47	0 NA	3/23	73	48	0.05 4,680 cfs
3/24	71	46	0 NA	3/24	59	44	0 4,630 cfs
3/25	63	41	0 1,046 cfs	3/25	61	43	0 4,680 cfs
3/26	70	43	0 1,008 cfs	3/26	61	42	0 4,630 cfs
3/27	68	45	0 1,046 cfs	3/27	72	46	0 4,570 cfs
3/28	NA	NA	NA 1,046 cfs	3/28	67	49	0 4,590 cfs

Sheriff's Report

March 22: 8:47 a.m: Suspicious Subject - Marcola Rd. & Parsons Creek Rd. Deputies contacted a male walking along Marcola Rd., possibly disoriented. No crime was articulated and a welfare check was conducted.

7:58 p.m: Attempt to Locate Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

March 23: 11:34 a.m: Restraining Order Service - 5600 block, Thurston Rd.

3:31 p.m: Assist Motorist - McK. Hwy & Natures Garden St.

3:39 p.m: Repossessed Vehicle - 89700 blk, Upper Johnson Creek Rd.

3:39 p.m: Civil Service - 40300 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:44 p.m: Civil Service - 41800 blk, Holden Creek LN.

3:50 p.m: Civil Service - 41800 blk, McK. Hwy.

8:06 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

A deputy checked on a vehicle parked at a local business and cleared with a patrol check.

8:17 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

9:21 p.m: Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants - 92400 blk, Marcola Rd. A deputy made contact with the drivers of two different vehicles that had been following or driving behind him. Both drivers were determined to be intoxicated and arrested for DUII.

March 24: 1:19 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 5600 blk, Thurston Rd.

4:01 p.m: Welfare Check - McK. Hwy & Thomson Ln.

7:54 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 39900 blk, McK. Hwy.

March 25: 9:15 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

11:15 a.m: Illegal Burn - 35300 blk, McK. View Dr.

11:44 a.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & HILL Rd.

2:38 p.m: Assist Public - 49700 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:40 p.m: Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

6:48 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 27.

6:50 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Donna Rd. & Hill Rd.

7:16 p.m: Attempt to Locate Drunk Driver - McK. Hwy. Mp. 20.

8:13 p.m: Citizen Contact - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

8:19 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 89200 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.

March 26: 7:19 a.m: Civil Service - 40300 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:58 a.m: Restraining Order Service - 5600 blk, Thurston Rd.

12:10 p.m: Water Rescue - McK. River.

1:47 p.m: Suspicious Subject - Camp Creek Rd. Mp. 2.

2:11 p.m: Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

2:32 p.m: Reckless Driving - 41700 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:42 p.m: Vehicle Stop - 46500 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:29 p.m: Citizen Contact - 46500 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:54 p.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola scales.

March 27: 4:22 p.m: Unattended Children - Camp Creek Rd. & Swearingen Rd.

7:43 p.m: Civil Service - 40300 blk, McK. Hwy.

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

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

March 21: 11:39: 42000 block, Holden Cr. Ln. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

22:50: 42000 blk, McKenzie Hwy. Medical, General. Patient assessed, refusal.

March 22: 2:05: 39000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal. transported.

9:04: McK. Hwy. Milepost 18. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

19:58: 39000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

March 26: 14:42: McKenzie Hwy. Mp. 29. MVA. Disregarded.

17:51: 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient

Assessed, 1 Transported

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

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

March 22: 15:34: Medical - 57000 block, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

March 27: 03:58: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 20th, at the McK. Fire station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.

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Site found for the Summer Festival

Construction activity will displace the Summer Festival from the old Leaburg School grounds. Luckily, it will reappear just up the highway in Yala.

By Lynn Olson
The Leaburg Community Festival, sponsored by the McKenzie River Lions' Club, will be held on Sunday, August 14th, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the McKenzie Bible Fellowship grounds. The festival program will include the Singing Baby Contest, Dodge Derby, pancake breakfast and fried chicken dinner. Organizations and individuals are invited to rent booth space where they can display wares, candy, flowers, crafts, etc. Price for a 10-foot by 10-foot booth is \$15. To reserve a booth, please contact Lynn Olson at 896-5296, Helen Abbott at 254-0379 or Vera Hunsbagon at 896-3814. McMillen added that the club intends to work closely with other groups in the McKenzie Valley to identify areas where cooperative projects are possible.

Historic Log Cabin Inn is being recycled

Mike Station Construction has been busy over the last week removing the old structures at the Log Cabin Inn Resort in McKenzie Bridge.

McKENZIE BRIDGE: Only the "Hoover House" log cabin remains standing at the Log Cabin Inn Resort. But as the summer season lacks in people, one expects to see reconstruction to get underway as well, according to Steve McGhee, president of States-based Redstone Construction Services. McGhee said workers will preserve as much of the existing vegetation as possible and have made slight adjustments to their site plan to assure good views from the new set of cabins that will be added to the property. The schedule calls for submitting plans to Lane County soon, followed by drilling for the cabin's support piers by the third week of July.

County payments added to federal energy tax legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C.: In a continued effort to provide lasting relief for the nation's rural schools and communities, members of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday voted to amend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act through 2021. The amendment, offered by U.S. Senators Ron Wyden (OR), Mike Braun (IN), Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Gordon Smith (OR), Markwayne Mullin (AR), and Tim Wicker (KY), was included in the Energy Advancement and Investment Act of 2021. The Finance Committee is expected to pass the Energy Tax legislation later today. "As I have said time and again, we will use every legislative opportunity at our disposal to get a multi-year renewal of the county payments program signed into law." - Continued on Page 2

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Harry Lane resisted nation's rush into WWI

By Finn J.D. John

Many historians, when asked to cite the single biggest and most far-reaching government misstep in American history, will immediately start talking about the First World War. By getting involved with that conflict — subtly at first, by lending money to the Allies, and later directly with American boots on French soil — we made it possible for one side to crush the other and impose its will, rather than simply fighting to an impasse and being forced to negotiate peace. The world is still trying to recover from the aftershocks of that — particularly in the Middle East.

Such historians smile a bit when the topic of Oregon Senator Harry Lane comes up. Lane was one of a tiny handful of federal legislators who, for reasons of principle or partisanship, fought as hard as they could to prevent President Woodrow Wilson from taking the country into the fight.

It's a small smile, though. Because Lane paid a heavy price for that.

Harry Lane was a well-known and respected Oregon politician, a medical doctor by profession, born in Corvallis, the grandson of the first territorial governor of Oregon. He'd been mayor of Portland just after the turn of the century, and had established a reputation as a man of principle — the worst enemy of the corrupt politicians, cops and shanghai artists that were virtually running the city when he arrived. Although he didn't leave much of a long-term impact on those forces of corruption, he was able to suppress them during his two terms of office — long enough to put on a spectacular show at the 1905 Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, at any rate — and today he's remembered as the father of the Rose Festival.

He also had a strong reputation as a supporter of women's suffrage and an advocate for more respectful treatment of the remaining Native American tribes in the state.

He was also firmly opposed to any American involvement in the



Library of Congress
Dr. Harry Lane as he appeared at the age of about 60, when he was a U.S. Senator.

brewing conflict in Europe. And by early 1917, he was growing increasingly alarmed by Wilson's steps toward war.

Wilson had won re-election just a few months earlier in spite of his party's underdog status at the time, largely on the strength of the slogan, "He Kept Us Out of War." The war referred to was primarily one with Mexico — the revolution that made Pancho Villa famous was playing out very messily at the time, and there was a certain pressure for the U.S. to get involved — but, of course, war was war. Senator Lane, from deep inside the Capitol, would have been able to clearly see Wilson's growing enthusiasm for direct American intervention in the war in Europe. The hypocrisy of running for re-election on a platform of implied commitment to peace while quietly gathering forces to take the nation to war (after the election was safely won, of course) was not lost on him.

So when, two months into his next term and after several months of steady war-drum beating, Wilson asked Congress to let him arm American merchant ships, Lane and a few other like-minded senators (most notably Robert LaFollette of Wisconsin) threatened to stop it with a filibuster. They told the White

House they were willing to go along with the plan if one little change were made in it: They wanted those American ships to stop carrying munitions to sell to the Allies. And they wanted that written into the law: Arm the merchant ships, fine — but no more guns and bullets would cross the sea until after peace was achieved.

Well, of course, that was not at all what the White House had in mind. The word that came back surprised nobody: No deal.

So in early March, Lane and his colleagues filibustered — a good old-fashioned talking filibuster, a la Rand Paul or Wendy Davis — and the bill died a-borning.

Wilson was furious. He lashed out at Lane and his colleagues personally, calling them a "little group of willful men, representing no opinion but their own" that had "rendered the great government of the United States helpless and contemptible."

Lane was shocked by the animosity this stand earned him, both in Washington, D.C., and back home in Oregon. Hate-mail started pouring into his office. The Portland Morning Oregonian — a Republican organ at the time, and no friend to Democrat Lane under any circumstances — wrote an editorial that essentially apologized to the nation, on behalf of every Oregon voter, for having sent Lane to Washington. A recall movement was launched, and started growing.

A month later, Wilson got the pretext he needed to take the country to war when a bungling German diplomat named Zimmerman used British undersea cables to telegraph a proposal for an anti-U.S. alliance to the Mexican government. The British, of course, promptly leaked it, and Wilson was soon before Congress asking for a declaration of war.

Lane was, by this time in his life, a very sick man. He had painful chronic kidney disease and advanced heart disease on top of it, and the stress of the hate-storm swirling around him following his filibuster had exacerbated his health problems. His physician

urged him to stay home and rest in bed. But Lane was adamant. He would go to the Senate floor and he would vote against entering the war.

And so he did. Just six Senators voted "no," and he was one of them.

Seven weeks later, on his way home to Oregon, he suffered a paralytic stroke and died.

The Oregon Journal, upon his death, may have wanted to eulogize the intransigent pacifist — but a month and a half into the war, an increasingly pro-war public was in no mood for anything like that. So the paper contented itself with a short and poignant message:

"He paid for his choice with his life."

And perhaps he did. The stress of all the animosity his principled stand earned him weighed heavily on him, according to his friends' recollections. It may not have actually killed him, but most of them thought it did.

Sometimes history's heroes are neither successful nor survivors. Sometimes they're the men and women who take up lost causes because their ethics leave them no choice. Like the ship captain who refuses to "fall into the lifeboat," they're forced to choose between being destroyed and doing what they can to oppose a rising tide of evil. Such a man was Harry Lane, and Oregon should be very proud to claim him.

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By Slim Randles

"Wait a minute ... wait a minute ... I got it!" said Steve, our tall cowboy with the shaving brush moustache. "Here's what we can do ... just listen a minute."

The faithful no-card-carrying members of the Mule Barn truck stop's morningly congregation of the valley's supreme court of dang near everything hushed and sipped and listened.

Out on the road beyond the last of the parked pickups, they could hear it "... so's I was sayin' jest set yerself down and scribble off a note to Cane Bridge University ..." and then it faded away as Windy drove the Gates of Heaven restaurant's loudspeaker car farther down the main drag of town.

"See what I mean?" grinned Steve. "Hey, it's a natural. Best April Fool's joke we ever gonna have."

"You mean pull a joke on Windy?" said Dud.

"Sure. If ever a natural April Fool's joke fell into our laps, this here has to be the best. Sure beats the volcano we faked last year by burning those tires."

Doc shook his head and looked up from stirring his coffee.

"Guys," he said, "we can't do it. Well, shouldn't do it, anyway. You know how obsessed ol' Windy is at getting that honorary college degree. If we fooled him into thinking he was actually getting one ... it might just cause massive organ seizure or something."

"Is that a medical term, Doc?" asked Bert.

"Nope. Just a natural fact." Several bites were taken from the sweet rolls and washed down with coffee. Mavis brought more coffee.

"Doc's right," said Steve. "Can't mess with a guy's dream."

Nods all around. Back to the drawing board.

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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Pump up your plant knowledge by learning family relationships

Learning to recognize 400,000 species of plants is more than daunting; it's impossible. But making a start by learning how to identify family characteristics can help you manage a healthier garden.

"It's important for gardeners to be aware of how to ID plants," said Karen Pleasant, Oregon State University Extension Service master gardener coordinator in Josephine County. "It will tell you what the correct cultural needs are, what kind of problems they may have. Knowing which plants you have will really help you know how to take care of them."

Identification can be especially crucial for people who want to know which wild plants are edible and to learn about the medicinal aspects of plants, she said. Both are popular hobbies that require the correct information to keep safe.

Just as human families exhibit resemblances, so do plants. Each of the 620 plant families share characteristics such as the shape and composition of flowers. For instance, the huge aster family (Asteraceae) – which includes sunflowers, asters, daisies and dandelions – is recognized by the daisy-shape of the flowers.

"If you're looking at a daisy or a sunflower, the center where the seeds form is the disc flower," Pleasant said. "It's composed of lots of little flowers fused together. What look like petals around the disc are the ray flowers."

The third-largest family is the pea family (Fabaceae), which is easily recognized by people who have grown peas or sweet peas. The flowers include a large curved "banner" petal in the middle with two little wing petals on either side. Right in the middle are two fused petals called keels. Plants in this family – lupine, wisteria, beans, locust, alfalfa and more – also bear pea-like pods.

Number four in the lineup of plant families is the mustard family (Brassicaceae). The flowers have four petals and six stamens (four tall, two short), which surround the pistil in the center.

"There are a lot of garden plants in this family, broccoli, mustard, wall flowers, candytuft," Pleasant



said. "They're easy to identify because of the four petals."

About to make an appearance in the garden are early-blooming fruit trees, which are part of the rose family (Rosaceae). They sport five free (not fused) petals. If you see petal confetti raining on the ground soon, you can just about be sure the plant is in the rose family.

A good place to start the identification process is by determining if the plant is a monocot or dicot. The vast majority of plants are dicots with typical flowers and two seed leaves when they sprout; monocots only have one. They also have hollow flower stems, kneelike nodes or joints, and are pollinated by wind. In addition to lawn, this group includes lilies, orchids, bamboo, ornamental grasses, sedges and rushes.

"It's like becoming a plant detective," Pleasant said. "Study the plants in your garden. Once you get used to the patterns, you can narrow it down to genus and species. Then you know how to grow and take care of them."

You can learn more by joining garden clubs, study groups, the Extension master gardener group or grab a plant key, which takes you through a series of steps to make identifications.

"It's true, it's like learning a new language," Pleasant said. "It can be intimidating at first. One idea is to plant several plants in the same family together so that you can see the similarities. It's really fun."



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



SPRING CHEER

The forsythia brings sunshine into our lives with its golden blooms.

The pussy willows always let us know spring is near.

The peepers sing from the ponds as toads join the chorus.

The robin spreads its wings and flies from tree to tree.

Signs of spring that bring joy if we but take the time to notice the signs and sights and songs. These often bring back memories of other spring days in our lives.

I recall when my dad visited us at our home then under construction. He brought along some shoots from the massive forsythia bush of my youth. The large bush grew near the long front porch of our farmhouse. It usually was covered with a golden cloud each spring.

Father thought it would be nice to have some of it transplanted to our new home. It has continued to grow and blossom each spring. I even have a photo of Father and hubby Jim planting the transplant.

Searching for Peepers

When our daughter was small, she wanted to see the peepers that sang loudly each spring evening in the swampy area behind the house where we lived at that time.

So Jim and I took her, armed with flashlight, wearing boots, and filled with curiosity to search for these noisy little creatures. Her thrill was great when we finally

found some chirping away.

Robins Return

We also see robins flying around as we drive the road near our house. They are always a welcome sign of spring.

Robins were plentiful at the home where I grew up. My mom was a great bird watcher and called our attention to the various ones around our farmhouse and barn. She tried to identify their songs and would get out her bird book when she saw and heard a new songster.

What signs and sights and sounds of spring abound in your life? What recipes are you trying?

PIZZA SALAD might make a change for spring. In a large bowl combine: 1 pound cooked and drained spiral macaroni (or any type you prefer), 3 medium seeded and drained tomatoes, 1 pound cubed Cheddar cheese (less if you want), 2 bunches sliced green onions (or 1 small diced onion), 3 ounces sliced pepperoni, 1/4 cup diced green pepper (if you like).

In a small bowl, combine 1/2 to 1/4 cup olive oil, 2/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese, 1/4 to 1/2 cup red wine vinegar, 1/2 to 1 teaspoon dried oregano, 1/2-teaspoon salt, 1/4-teaspoon pepper. Pour over macaroni mixture and toss.

Cover and refrigerate for several hours. Top with some croutons just before serving if you desire.

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(Mary Emma Allen enjoys the sights and sounds of spring after a long snow-filled winter. me.allen@juno.com)



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The purpose of this meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the proposed budget.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after March 18, 2022 at District Headquarters, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon, 97489, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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Community Notes

April 2

A Dime At A Time

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

April 4 - Springfield School Board Meeting

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. The Board of Directors meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

April 9

Spring Craft Faire

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Vida McKenzie Community Center will be hosting a Spring Craft Faire at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church in Walterville. The Center is seeking artisans and other individuals who create art or fashion hand-made crafts of all sorts. Interested? Please contact Tammy Pelton at 951-970-0176.

April 16 - Walterville Easter Egg Hunt

The Walterville Grange will hold its 9th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th, starting at 10 a.m. at 39259 Camp Creek Road. There will be three age groups: 4 and under, 5 to 6, and 7 years old and older. Children should bring their own baskets. More information at 541-896-0106.

April 16 - Blue River Easter Egg Hunt

A free community Easter egg hunt will be held on the morning of Saturday, April 16th, starting promptly at 11 a.m.

We will have a special area for youngsters up to 4years old and then a timed release for the other age groups, up to 18.

There will also be field games like sack races, three-legged races, and egg in spoon race. The Easter

Egg Hunt and Field Games will be free.

Young Life, the sponsor, will have tents setup with Coffee and Hot Chocolate served by teens going to camp this summer and will be accepting donations towards the costs of going to camp.

For more information, contact Spencer Wallace @ (405) 595-7011

April 20

McKenzie School Board

The McKenzie School Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the district office, 51187 Blue River Drive in Finn Rock

April 23

Wooden Boat Show

The McKenzie River Wooden Boat Show will return on April 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Lodge (between mile

post 35 and 36). There will be no exhibitors' fee and no admission charge. People are encouraged to bring their wooden boat for display. "Drifters" should plan to launch from Finn Rock on Quartz Creek at 9 a.m. Drivers should arrive between 9 and 10 to have their boats moved to the riverside parking area. The McKenzie River Guides Association will serve lunch and beverages.. This year's event is a team effort between Randy Dersham's Eddyline Entertainment and the McKenzie River Discovery Center.

April 30

Art Show

The McKenzie Artists' Guild's 29th Annual Art Show will be held from April 30th to May 1st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Local artists will be showing their works for sale at the Leaburg Fire and Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy. in Leaburg. Refreshments of coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

Older And Wiser

My history with relationships stinks. I chose the wrong men because I needed to feel needed. I thought if I could fix them, they would feel so grateful they would give me undying love.

I'm not making that mistake this time. The man I'm engaged to has nothing to fix. He's perfect for me. Sounds too good to be true, right? There is one glitch. His ex-wife.

They met when he was 18, and she was 23, and they had two children. In their relationship she was boss, and he did what she wanted. They fought constantly, and after seven years, she called it quits to find herself.

Then I came along. We fell madly in love and became engaged. She told him he was going too fast. She tried to restrict his visits with his children. She claimed the kids needed time to adjust. He went against her restriction, and his kids and my kids get along wonderfully.

After our engagement, we visited his hometown with the children. His ex-wife called ahead to warn his friends of the terrible mistake he was making. My fiancé told them he was happier than he's ever been. When he talked to his ex-wife later, she said she's jealous because he has become the man she always wanted him to be. He said, when he was married to her, he couldn't be that man.

Being with him has put my past in the dust. I never think of what I could have done differently because I am so happy with the way things have turned out. He's the man of my dreams. He gives me absolutely no reason to doubt him. Why do I still feel insecure?

Gail, everything you say about this man shows he is now mature enough to deal with his ex-wife and the aftermath of that marriage. We don't see anything to worry about. She is doing what jealous, controlling people always do...using the children as pawns, trying to poison his relationship with friends, attempting to deny you happiness.

Share your feelings with your fiancé. The greatest joy of being with the right person--the man perfect for you--is that you can be completely honest, completely open, and completely authentic.

That is what makes this relationship like no other. When you find that kind of connection, nothing life throws at you can separate the two of you. It may take a little time to get over old memories, but give your fiancé credit for learning from his past, just as you have.

Wayne & Tamara

Poor Odds

I've been dating a man for three years. Rob is a great human being

and I love him, but I come from a well-educated, "classy" family and his people are rather low class. His family's ideals are very different. For example, his mother has no teeth. When his parents go to the racetrack, she walks around like that. I would spend my money on some dentures!

Also, Rob and his family are big gamblers. Rob runs gambling sheets and collects bets for his bookie in football season. Even though Rob promised me he will stop working for the bookie after we marry, he fully intends to keep gambling.

What should I do? I'm going crazy trying to decide.

Callista

Callista, don't expect Rob to stop collecting bets after the wedding. The lament of men is, "After the wedding she changed." In this case, my bet is he won't change. Gambling can be an addictive and costly pursuit. Rob may use you and your income to support his lifestyle.

Then there's the difference in your backgrounds. It matters to you. Don't deny your feelings, they won't go away. If you go ahead with this wedding, I'll wager 10 to 1 that it won't work out, and I don't trust Rob or his bookie to hold the money.

Wayne

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

American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

Here in the mid-west, on the cusps of spring, on days when I wonder when winter will truly end, I welcome this deftly shaped reminder by David Baker of the season that has just passed. He dramatizes beautifully the coming of winter and the way it takes hold of us. Baker's title "Quicker" suggests movement and not stasis, something hopeful, even, in the promise that comes with the changing seasons.

Quicker

By David Baker

the season quicker now
the darkening—

no longer the leaves
fluttering down

but the whole shadowed earth
reaching up, taking hold

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Ski Report

March 28, 2022

The Hoodoo Ski Area reported on Monday that no new snow fell overnight, leaving the base at 44 inches. Temperatures were 42 degrees mid-mountain and 45 at the base with a SW winds averaging 10 mph. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 38 degrees at the base and 34 degrees at mid-mountain on Tuesday. No new snow fell overnight, leaving the snowpack at 70 inches at mid-mountain. On Monday morning, cloudy skies and traces of rain at the base had been turning to snow midway up the slopes. 10 out of 15 lifts were open, along with 109 of the 121 trails. For more information call 541-382-7888.



A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

March 31 - As early as the 1500s Europeans believed in the existence of a waterway across North America connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Such a route would allow sailing ships to easily pass from one ocean to the other. The search for the fabled Northwest Passage continued for a couple hundred years, and although such a waterway was never discovered, the search for it brought explorers to the North Pacific coast and resulted in opening trade with the Orient for furs and other natural resources of the region. A crossing from the Atlantic to the Pacific was not accomplished until 1958, when the United States Navy navigated the Northwest Passage by atomic submarine.

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No word on local missing man



Shane Sprenger

BLUE RIVER: The family of a 47-year-old Blue River man who has been missing for almost five months still remains a mystery. His sister, Stacy Sprenger, says the family hopes that as the weather improves and snow melts people will help look in areas where he could possibly be found.

Shane Sprenger's abandoned silver 2009 GMC Sierra was

found near U.S. Forest Service Rd. 15 east of Blue River Reservoir last November 4th. Cellphone pings seemed to show Sprenger had been near the reservoir, but his phone had been turned off.

On the day he was reported missing, Sheriff's Office K-9 teams, deputies, and Search & Rescue volunteers began looking in areas where Sprenger was believed to be. The search included areas off of U.S. Forest Service Road 15, as well as the Blue River Saddle Dam. They also searched extensively behind the former Lazy Days Mobile Home Park in the 52000 block of McKenzie Hwy. and at a location generated earlier by phone ping.

Shane Sprenger is described as 6' 1", weighing 175 pounds, with receding brown hair, and using glasses for reading. It's believed he was wearing a camo jacket and dark work pants.

Anyone with information on Sprenger's whereabouts should contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150 and reference case number 21-6268.

Grants will aid people "fire-harden" homes

State launches building code grants

EUGENE: Lane County is partnering with the Oregon Building Codes Division to launch a grant program to help owners of homes and businesses rebuild after the 2020 Oregon wildfires.

Homeowners, including those with a manufactured home, or a business that was damaged or destroyed by the 2020 wildfires can receive money to cover the costs of using more fire-resistant methods and materials when they rebuild. People who have already rebuilt also qualify for the grants.

Fire hardening is an important tool to help make homes more resistant to fire. It includes ways of making a home or business more resistant to damage from a wildfire - including using materials for siding and roofing that resist ignition during a wildfire, installing fire-resistant windows to protect openings, or using attic ventilation devices that help reduce ember intrusion.

"These improvements are particularly effective at preventing

ignition from embers, which can travel great distances from wildfires," said Alana Cox, administrator of the Oregon Building Codes Division "We hope this program will help people affected by the wildfires build back more fire-resistant communities."

To qualify for the program, someone must own a home or business that was damaged or destroyed in the 2020 Oregon wildfires. Improvements include more fire-resistant roofs, siding and windows. Once one or more of those types of improvements have been completed, an eligible applicant can receive grant money through the Lane County Land Management Division.

To learn more and apply, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/Pages/firehardening.aspx>. Lane County applicants will be directed to an application form, which can be submitted in person to Permit Navigator Marianne Nolte. Find more about the application process at McKenzieRebuilds.org

Highway logs weren't just surplus

Local groups benefit from a clever idea



There were smiles in the McKenzie Station Pub last Wednesday when checks were given to support the O'Brien Memorial Library and the Vida McKenzie Community Center. In the photo (from left) Steve Schaefers, Mary Ellen Wheeler, Walt Wilson, Joel Zeni, Beverly Braun, Aiden Wilson, Priscilla Oxley, Cliff Richardson, and Connie Richardson.

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: McKenzie Locals Helping Locals vice president Cliff Richardson recalls that Joel Zeni, Project Manager for Suulutaaq, approached him last year with a novel idea. That proposal focused on what to do with hazard trees that were being removed from private properties.

"A lot of those folks that did not want to market their logs, didn't have enough to market," Richardson says, or they didn't have marketable logs.

Instead, under the plan, people could donate their resource to one of three non-profits: the O'Brien

Memorial Library, the Vida/McKenzie Community Center, or McKenzie Locals Helping Locals.

Richardson agreed to facilitate the purchase orders and communication with the different local mills that would be receiving the logs, "since that was my occupation previously in another century," he jokes.

Suulutaaq then removed the logs in coordination with Jeff Brink, owner of Brink Land Management and a sub-contractor, to their sort yard at Thomson Lane and then to the mill facilities.

McKenzie Locals Helping Lo-

cals managed the paperwork, taxes and then at the year's end, dispersed the funds generated from the donations, by percentage determined by Suulutaaq, to each of the non-profit organizations.

During the meeting at the Pub last week, the O'Brien Memorial Library was given a check for \$17,324.21, The Vida McKenzie Community Center's received \$5,776.18 and McKenzie Locals Helping Locals received \$19,246.80 from the log receipts.

The process will continue this year until all the donated logs have been collected and processed.

Wooden Boat Festival returns

By Randy Dersham
VIDA: For the last two years the McKenzie's Woden Boat Festival as been canceled because of COVID restrictions. But this year it returns on April 23, 2022 at Eagle Rock Lodge which is located at 49198 McKenzie Hwy, Vida, Oregon. The Lodge is located on the McKenzie River between milepost 34 and 35 East of Eugene, Or. Come, relax, and learn about the river and the history of this influential double-ended boat from 10am - 4 pm. Admission is free.

The McKenzie River Guides Association will have available a BBQ lunch which is a fundraiser for their free PFD program and for boat landing maintenance and restoration. You can bring your wooden river boat to the Lodge at 9:00am. For those that want to do a short float on the river, people will gather at Fin Rock



Landing on Quartz Creek Rd. and will launch for that boat landing at 9:00am, arriving at the lodge at 10:00am