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### Fall Sports

Schedules for both Thurston & McKenzie high schools

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### NewsArk

Dozens of camera shutters were in action when stars made appearances in Rainbow. But the bigger news that week was about more dams.

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## Rafter drowned near Paradise Campground

**MCKENZIE BRIDGE:** On Sunday, at approximately 8:18 am, the Lane County Sheriff's Office received a report that a raft had overturned in the McKenzie River near Paradise Campground. Paradise campground is located just upriver from McKenzie Bridge.

While en route, deputies learned that one of the three involved rafters was unconscious and CPR had been performed by bystanders and paramedics. At 9:14 a.m., paramedics at the scene advised the involved male had died.

Lane County Sheriff's Sergeant Tom

Speldrich said deputies arrived on the scene and began investigating the circumstances of the death. The initial investigation revealed that the men's raft capsized and the involved male had gone underwater for some period of time before being pulled to shore by bystanders.

All three men had lifejackets in the boat, however, none were wearing them at the time of the accident.

Police said the name of the deceased is being withheld at press time.

## Hatchery salmon returning nutrients to waterways

**Owners warned to keep dogs away from carcasses**



**Volunteers with the OR Dept. of Fish & Wildlife's Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program have been busy all around the state slinging salmon carcasses into rivers and streams.**

Why are there dead salmon in the river? If you live close to a river or stream in the Willamette Valley, you might come across salmon carcasses or see ODFW staff and volunteers slinging carcasses into the water during September and October.

In September, salmon will begin the end of their life's journey in Willamette Valley rivers as they gather to spawn and die. Historically, thousands of adult salmon spawned and died in these rivers and streams, supplying essential nutrients to fuel the stream ecosystem. The salmon also feed bears, otters, raccoons, skunks, turkey vultures, eagles, hawks, ravens, and other animals as well as fertilize trees and vegetation along the stream banks.

September is also when ODFW hatcheries spawn salmon for future smolt releases. After the salmon are spawned, ODFW staff and volunteers distribute the salmon carcasses from the hatcheries to rivers and streams throughout the Willamette Valley for stream nutrient enrichment.

Hatchery salmon carcasses distributed to rivers and streams around Oregon enrich the food web of stream systems. By returning hatchery brood salmon carcasses to local rivers and streams, their bodies can provide nutrients for algae and other aquatic plants, as well as food for aquatic invertebrates that

in turn provide forage for larger species such as fish.

While this contribution of nutrients is vital to the entire ecosystem, salmon carcasses may harbor bacteria in their blood that can make dogs very sick. Salmon poisoning is caused when dogs eat a salmon carcass infected with an organism in the blood called *Neorickettsia helminthoeca*. Without treatment, salmon poisoning is often fatal. Symptoms include severe vomiting and diarrhea. Fortunately, with treatment most dogs will survive.

From September through December, dog owners should be vigilant about keeping their dogs away from dead salmon. While ODFW tries to avoid areas such as boat ramps, campgrounds, and parks when distributing salmon, rivers and streams will carry salmon downstream to areas where dogs may encounter them. If you see your dog eating a dead salmon, or even around one, take them to the veterinarian right away. Don't wait for your dog to get sick as prophylactic treatments can prevent a more serious illness. The sooner your dog gets treated, the less likely they will get sick and need expensive treatments.

Learn at: [tinyurl.com/mpzrcu6j](https://tinyurl.com/mpzrcu6j)

## The canal conundrum

**Decisions to repair or remove will both take time**



**Construction of the Leaburg Canal began in late 1928 and the hydroelectric project went into service on January 6, 1930, with a rated capacity of 7,500 kva.**

**LEABURG:** Early in 1927, when the Eugene Water & Electric Board decided another power source was needed it didn't plan 10,000 years in advance. Nor did the utility have to consider what natural disasters might occur in the next million years. Today, though, potential seismic or mega-flood events are part of the design requirements mandated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

2022 marks 95 years since EWEB made the decision to build the Leaburg hydroelectric project. It is also a time when the useful life of the facility has run out. Choices for its future range from full modernization to minor upgrading as well as the possible

removal of all structures.

This December, EWEB commissioners are planning to choose one of four options that will range between \$179 million to \$257 million. Any decision will come with requirements for decades of consultations involving a wide range of agencies and interest groups - all monitored by FERC.

"Regardless of what alternative the board chooses we are going to need a FERC license," according to Mark Zinniker, the utility's generation engineering manager. He estimates issues raised during those discussions would likely be resolved by 2028 or '29.

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## Can we live with wildfires?

**Documentary film explores what could be done**

Nearly 20 years ago the Biscuit fire burned across half a million acres in Southern Oregon. It also exposed a college sophomore to the controversy, science, and politics at play during and after the blaze.

That student was Trip Jennings who assembled a team to grapple with the complex debate around the fire and worked with scientists, advocates, and local citizens to capture the story in a documentary.

More than a decade later, the Eagle Creek fire ignited the Columbia River Gorge, a scenic area just a half hour from Jennings's home. "As the fire burned, legislation was proposed that would allow clearcut logging in the forests after the fire. The community was shocked and angry," he recalls. "People were searching for answers, and I noticed that people were sharing my nearly two-decade-old student film - I was taken aback. Was it possible that little to nothing else was available to communicate this message?"

After the fire, he took to the air with an expert scientist to assess the burn and created a short film that has been viewed by hundreds of thousands of people.

Over the last four years, Jennings has also visited burned landscapes and communities destroyed by fire. "I am deeply committed to changing the national conversation around wildfire," he says. That message is delivered in a new film he says shows how people can "have healthy forests and safe communities, and that we can prepare for and adapt to fire."

His new documentary, "Elemental: Redefining our Relationship with Wildfire" will be shown in Rainbow later this month. Go to Page 5 for more details.



**A scene from "Elemental" that will be shown at the U.S. Basketball Academy.**



Ridin' the Rapids



By Ken Engelman

“So, how’s it going?” is a question that’s been put to me a few times lately. Luckily I’ve been able to answer “Surprisingly well.”

The Q & A’s, of course, had to deal with the decision to switch from primarily a hard copy printed newspaper to one that subscribers receive over the internet. The conversion rate is now just above 90%.

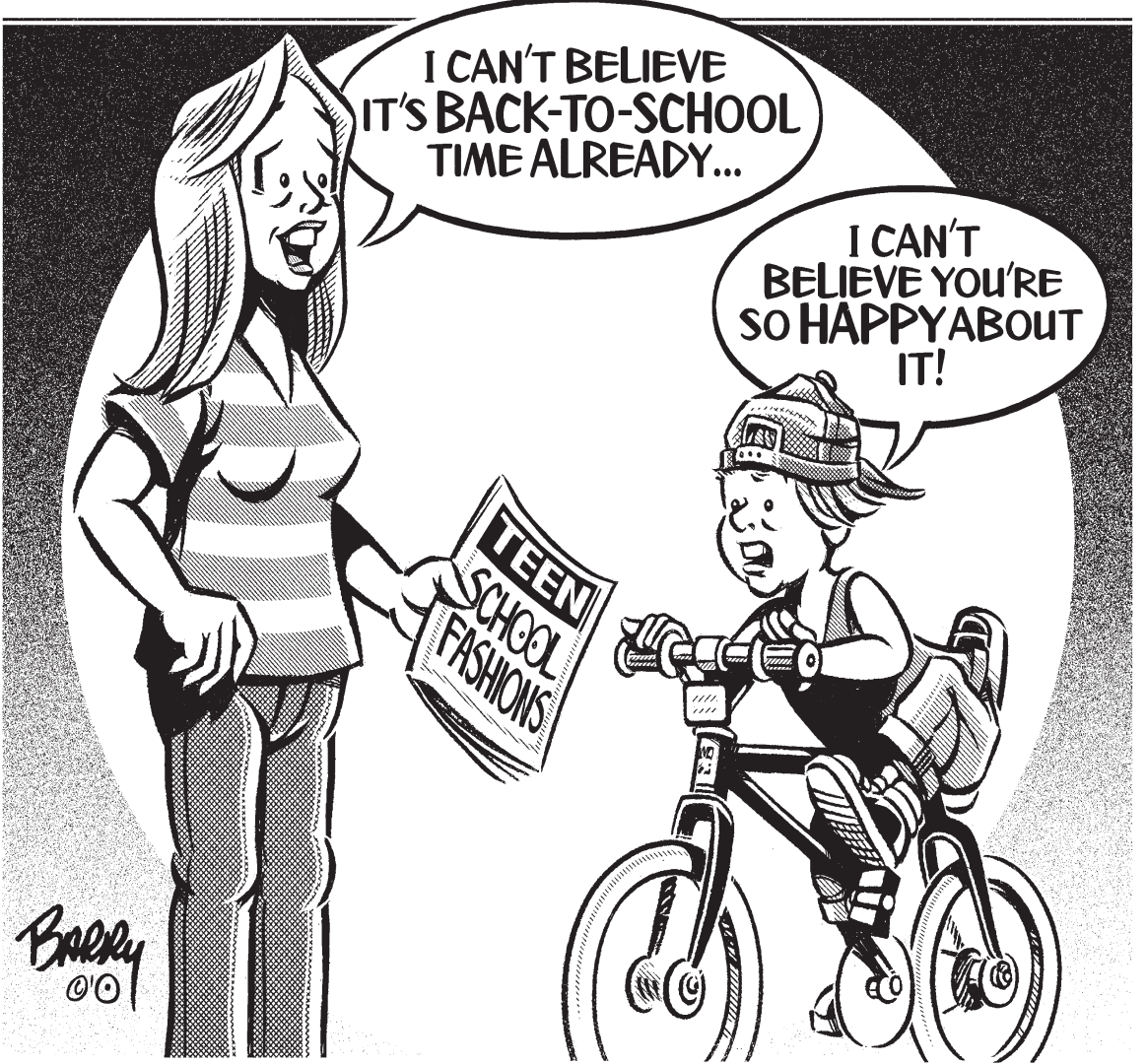
A few years ago that result would probably not have been possible, judging by the rough times some of the big daily newspapers endured. Two factors seemed to have come into play for River Reflections. One was that by providing content that is highly focused on a specific geographic area readers wanted to keep that

connection flowing. Another was timing. More and more people these days were already getting information via phones, tablets, or computers and saw the option as something similar to what they were already doing.

On the production side, digital production is of course less expensive to produce. I can now use color much more effectively in both ads and photos without having to pay a printer to produce three more plates per page.

Adding pages is simplified as well. In the newsprint process, going from 8 to 9 pages wasn’t an option. Those upgrades not only had to be an even number but came in multiples of 4 - like from 8 to 12 pages or from 12 to 16.

However, there still are a number of readers for whom the above didn’t make sense. That’s why there still is a print edition for sale on newsstands. If you know someone who fits that description please let them know they haven’t been abandoned.



# Letters to the Editor

**Time to separate**

For McKenzie Valley Wellness Board, Members and Community,

First I would like to thank you for your support in the recent election. I have made the difficult decision to resign from my position as a board member. One reason being I believe my skill set as a therapist, may be of better use to MVW at a later time after the rebuild has been completed.

Secondly, and more challenging to articulate is my personal struggle with supporting Orchid Health. As a former Orchid Health employee, I both observed and experienced the effects of a hostile work environment due in part, to expressed concerns over several Orchid Health practices. While I care deeply for the community that has helped raise me and shape me, I can no longer expend energy compartmentalizing how I feel toward Orchid Health while serving on the MVW board. While these two entities are separate, the overlap and connection between the two continue to remain a challenge for me. I believe it is my ethical responsibility to resign until such a time conflict no longer exists.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Shaw MS, LPC, NCC

**Stepping away**

This letter serves as my official resignation as Vice President and board member. I am resigning due to my ongoing concerns that this organization continues to fail to follow the bylaws and is not acting in the best interest of McKenzie Valley Wellness (MVW) and its

members.

The actions and transactions that have occurred to the detriment of this organization by a couple of board members have resulted in an investigation by the Department of Justice Non-profit division. As board members, we are to be fiduciaries in the following ways. The duty of care, the duty of loyalty, and the duty of obedience.

For the past year and a half, I have witnessed several situations where these duties were flat-out ignored. The following are some of the examples that breach the fiduciary duties that the board is supposed to follow.

The MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for medical equipment. This was materially changed by the president and secretary to financially benefit a for-profit entity. This was not approved by the board and went against the advice of our lawyer at the time. It was withheld and not disclosed to the board. This also resulted in our lawyer resigning after the DOJ investigation was announced.

Cares Act Funds were provided to McKenzie Valley Wellness in error. These funds should have gone back to Health and Human Services (HHS) based on rules and requirements. Instead, two checks were made out to a for-profit entity to the tune of approximately \$150,000. This was done at the sole discretion of one board member who checks writing privileges. This board nor the sole individual sought legal counsel before completing the transactions, and never made an effort to review the HHS guidance.

The loan was made to a for-profit

it entity for billing visits owed to McKenzie Valley Wellness which was supposed to be paid once received. These funds were not paid for over 2 years and constituted a loan and restricted activity for non-profit organizations.

> The requirement for the tenant to insure the building with escalators is based on the lease agreement. Initially, there was no insurance policy. The organization that was required to ensure the property did go back and work out a deal with the insurance company. However, this falls well short of the replacement cost to rebuild the clinic. The board has a duty to hold the tenant accountable to the lease agreement. Based on the low end

of estimates from Pivot Architecture, McKenzie Valley Wellness is owed approximately \$800,000 and possibly more for the loss of the building. Our members have lost this asset and the duty this board has is to its members and to protect the assets of this organization. The building was by far MVW’s largest asset.

Lastly, the efforts of board members to withhold information from other board members have me very concerned and should have other members concerned too. The withholding of the membership list for over 3 months - not once, but twice - is unacceptable. Members are allowed to reach out to other mem-

bers.

These continued efforts lead to the question of what else is hidden from the board and our membership.

The first ballots that were sent out were completely fraudulent. It was another attempt to block the board from having any say in what was being presented to the members.

Time and time again the lack of transparency was evident. I can only imagine what other things were being done behind the scenes at the expense of this organization and its members.

For these reasons, along with many others, I resign.

Joshua Cloke

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

**McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week**

The McKenzie Varsity Volleyball match versus Mannahouse Academy, scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, has been canceled. The Eagle Varsity Volleyball team travels to Eddyville Charter on Tuesday, September 20, for a 6:00 pm contest. The McKenzie Varsity Six-man Football team travels to Mapleton, Friday, September 16. Kickoff is slated for 7:00 pm.

**Eagle, Wolf Contest Thrown A Red Flag!**

Hot, dry, low humidity, high East Winds, and power shut

off throughout the region to protect from fire starts. The forementioned extreme weather factors precipitated (not wet mind you) a Red Flag Warning last Friday and Saturday. The Red Flag thrown down canceled the McKenzie Eagle six-man football contest at Finn Rock with the visiting Days Creek Wolves. Currently, that game has not been rescheduled.

**Eagle Volleyball Drops Two**

The McKenzie Varsity Volleyball team traveled to Crow

last Tuesday, September 6. The Eagles won the first set, 25-16, but the Cougars won the last three sets, 25-17, 26-16, and 25-19 to win the match.

The Triangle Lake Lakers rolled into downtown Finn Rock, Monday, September 12 and took home a 3-0 victory over the host Eagles. The Lakers won 25-17, 25-23, and 25-14. McKenzie is currently 0-4 in Mountain West League play.

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Letters to the Editor

Letters To The Editor should contain no more than 250 words. All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published upon request. Deadline for submission is Monday at 5 pm.

Friday 9/16		Saturday 9/17		Sunday 9/18	
					
McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 70 Low: 46	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 59 Low: 35	McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 67 Low: 45	Santiam Pass Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 52 Low: 36	McKenzie Valley AM Showers 40% chance precip High: 71 Low: 45	Santiam Pass Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 55 Low: 35

WEATHER REPORT									
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
9/6	97	53	0	702 cfs	9/6	86	48	0	3,340 cfs
9/7	89	57	0	710 cfs	9/7	88	53	0	3,430 cfs
9/8	86	50	0	NA	9/8	85	47	0	3,360 cfs
9/9	90	57	0	695 cfs	9/9	84	45	0	3,390 cfs
9/10	83	59	0	702 cfs	9/10	78	63	0	3,340 cfs
9/11	78	58	0	700 cfs	9/11	91	55	0	3,340 cfs
9/12	71	55	0.15	702 cfs	9/12	77	59	0.3	3,340 cfs



# Sheriff's Report

**Sept. 7: 10:51 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 36200 block, camp creek rd.  
**12:21 p.m:** Theft of Mail - 46500 blk, Goodpasture Rd.  
**3:05 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.  
**3:26 p.m:** Wrong Way Driver - Deerhorn Rd. Milepost 1.  
**3:29 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 57900 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**4:33 p.m:** Assist Fire Department - Leashore Dr. & Goodpasture Rd.  
**Sept. 8: 2:14 p.m.** Attempt Top Locate Drunk Driver - Goodpasture Rd. & McK. Hwy.  
**3:34 p.m.** Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 89300 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.  
**4:27 p.m.** Threat, Harassment - 39600 blk, Mohawk Loop Rd.  
**5:22 p.m.** Information - 84100 blk, Murdoch St.  
**5:37 p.m.** Illegal Burn - McGowan Creek Rd. Milepost 2.

**Sept. 9: 1:53 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 49600 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**2:07 p.m:** Restraining Order Service - 91800 blk, Taylor Rd.  
**2:14 p.m:** ATL Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. & Murdoch St.  
**2:21 p.m:** Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - 41900 blk, Deerhorn Rd.  
**2:50 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Quartz Creek Rd.  
**3:05 p.m:** Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 89300 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.  
**6:39 p.m:** Illegal Burn - Paradise Campground.  
**7:06 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Quartz Creek Rd.  
**Sept. 10: 12:10 p.m:** Assist Fire Dept. - 88700 blk, Heritage Ln.  
**1:09 p.m:** Repossessed Vehicle - Lat: 44.0730622. Long: - 122.941284.  
**1:51 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. N. Bank Rd.  
**6:05 p.m:** Abandoned Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.  
**6:29 p.m:** Alarm - 56800 blk, N. Bank Rd.  
**Sept. 11: 12:19 a.m:** Illegal

Fireworks - 8900 blk, Thurston Rd.  
**12:21 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 90700 blk, Hill Rd.  
**4:27 a.m:** Incomplete 911 Call - 39800 blk, Wendling Rd.  
**4:54 a.m:** Incomplete 911 Call - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.  
**9:26 a.m:** Found Property - 51600 blk, Blue River Dr.  
**11:28 a.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - 87100 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.  
**12:02 p.m:** Burglary - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**12:17 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 87800 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.  
**1:52 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - McK. Hwy. Milepost 37.  
**4:27 p.m:** Threat, Harassment - 39600 blk, Mohawk Loop Rd.  
**4:52 p.m:** Illegal Burn - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**Sept. 12: 10:19 a.m:** Injured Animal - Cedar Flat Rd. & McK. Hwy.  
**10:36 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

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




# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Sept. 5: 18:08:** 1300 block, McK. River Water Rescue. Self rescue to vehicle.  
**Sept. 7: 12:42:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Refusal.  
**15:21:** 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
**16:21:** 90000 blk, Leashore Dr. Power Line Down. Secured scene, turned over to OR Dept. of Forestry.  
**Sept. 8: 9:31:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
**Sept. 9: 20:36:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Brush Fire. False Alarm.  
**10:02:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Use Restriction. Inform Homeowner of Restrictions.  
**14:12:** 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident. Secured scene/turned over to OSP.  
**Sept. 10: 10:52:** 88000 blk, Heritage Ln. Use Restriction. Advised homeowner of regulations/turned over to ODF.  
**10:52:** 45000 blk, Vida Park Ln. Medical, Trauma. Patient assessed/transported.  
**18:12:** 41000 blk, Madrone St. Lift Assist, assist non-injury.





































**Sept. 11: 8:18:** 88000 blk, Partridge Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
**10:16:** 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.  
**12:28:** Greenwood Dr./McK. Hwy. Use restriction. Unable To Locate.  
**13:46:** 50000 blk, McK. Hwy. MVA. Single Vehicle off the road.  
**16:53:** McK. Hwy./Leaburg Dam Rd. Illegal Burn. Cooking fire.  
McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Sept. 8: 13:04:** Odor - 91000 block, Taylor Rd. Strong smell of "white gas" in back yard. Nobody feeling sick.  
**Sept. 9: 11:42:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - Old McK. Hwy./Milepost 70. USFS non-fire resource on scene. Motorcycle down, unknown patient age.  
**Sept. 11: 08:13:** Drowning - 57000 blk, McK/ Hwy. Paradise Campground. Male, Not Conscious, Not Breathing.  
The upper McK. Fire district board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.



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# High School Sports Schedules



## McKenzie High School



## Thurston High School

Boys Varsity Basketball			Boys Varsity Football		
Date	Time	Opponent	Date	Time	Opponent
9/1	7pm	League @ Siletz Valley	9/2	7 pm	vs Wilsonville
9/9	7pm	Days Creek	9/8	7:15 pm	@ Summit
9/16	7pm	Mapleton	9/16	7 pm	@ North Eugene
9/23	7pm	Crow	9/23	7 pm	vs. Crater
9/30	7pm	Jewell	9/30	7 pm	vs. Springfield
10/7	7pm	Triangle Lake	10/6	7 pm	@ Eagle Point
10/14	7pm	Non-League TBA	10/14	7 pm	@ South Eugene
10/21	7pm	Eddyville	10/21	7 pm	vs. Willamette
10/28	7pm	TBD	10/28	7 pm	vs. Churchill
Boys Cross Country			Girls Soccer		
Date	Time	Opponent	Date	Time	Opponent
10/27	TBD	3A/2A/1A Special Districts	9/1	6 pm	@ Crescent Valley
		Lane Community College	9/6	7 pm	@ Silverton
Girls Cross Country			9/15	4 pm	Vs. West Salem
Date	Time	Opponent	9/17	Noon	@ North Bend
10/27	TBD	3A/2A/1A Special Districts	9/21	4 pm	Vs. Woodburn
		Lane Community College	9/28	4 pm	Vs. North Eugene
Girls Varsity Volleyball			10/5	4 pm	vs. Churchill
Date	Time	Opponent	10/12	4 pm	vs. Springfield
8/30	6 pm	vs. Alsea	10/15	1 pm	vs. Eagle Point
9/1	6 pm	@ Siletz Valley	10/19	6 pm	@ North Eugene
9/6	6 pm	@ Crow	10/22	1 pm	vs. Eagle Point
9/12	6 pm	vs. Triangle Lake	10/26	6 pm	@ Churchill
9/15	6 pm	vs. Mannahouse Academy	10/29	1 pm	@ Crater
9/20	6 pm	@ Eddyville Charter	Thurston/Mohawk Boys Soccer		
9/21	6 pm	vs. Mohawk	Date	Time	Opponent
9/27	5 pm	@ Alsea	9/6	6 pm	vs. Silverton
9/27	7:30 pm	@ Siletz Valley	9/8	7:30 pm	@ Crescent Valley
9/29	6 pm	vs. Crow	9/14	7:15 pm	@ Clackamas
10/4	4:30 pm	@ Mapleton	9/17	2 pm	@ North Bend
10/4	6 pm	@ Mapleton	9/21	6 pm	@ Newberg
10/5	6 pm	@ Mohawk	9/28	6 pm	vs. North Eugene
10/8	Noon	@ Triangle Lake	10/5	6 pm	vs. Springfield
10/13	6 pm	vs. Eddyville Charter	10/12	6 pm	vs. Springfield
10/15	6 pm	@ Mannahouse Academy	10/15	3 pm	vs. Eagle Point

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U.S adults want more education

People in Oregon have options thanks to new legislation

By Eric Tegethoff  
Oregon News Service

Nearly half of Americans say they need more education to advance in their careers, according to recent research. The Strada Education Network and Gallup survey found 46% of adults without a degree, or not currently enrolled in college, said additional education is needed to get ahead. Julia Steinberger, director of office of workforce investments for the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission, explained the findings.

“Particularly as we see shortages in qualified candidates for some of these good-paying, competitive jobs,” Steinberger pointed out. “I think folks just see the opportunity and know that they need that education and training in order to capitalize on those opportunities.”

While a more traditional college route if available, Steinberger noted Oregon has made investments to ensure apprenticeships are widely available. She added the state is working with businesses to create training from employers through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Steinberger stressed going back to college can cost more for adult learners, who are likely to have more responsibilities than a student coming out of high school.

“The potential lost opportunity costs of wages if you’re stepping out of the workforce, costs for health care, child care, transportation, housing, etc.,” Steinberger outlined.

This year, the Oregon Legislature approved a \$200 million education package known as Future Ready Oregon. Steinberger stated it includes a training program from com-



In line with national numbers, 45% of Oregonians without college degrees say they need more education to advance in their careers.

munity colleges, which helps people enter the education system and exit easily to find a job.

“It’s really designed to be a set of stackable credentials that will ultimately lead to a degree but allows folks to sort of get on and off the road whenever they’re able to,” Steinberger emphasized.

The Future Ready Oregon package includes an array of programs, including workforce training grants and supports for apprenticeships in the state.

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# Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



## READING TO YOUNGSTERS BENEFICIAL

“The importance of reading books [to youngsters] cannot be overemphasized,” says blogger and Newsmax columnist Alexandra York. She goes on to say this must begin at an early age, is critical at the toddler stage and carries over into childhood. She mentions it’s very important in our increasingly electronic lives. I found it interesting that someone else shared my concerns as I’ve seen youngsters and young people, as well as their parents, turn more and more to electronics in their lives, replacing family traditions of reading and experiencing activities together.

Family Reading Times

Bedtime stories and reading together have been a tradition for at least three generations in my family. Reading and children go hand in hand in our household... we all still bury ourselves in a book whenever we can in spite of today’s electronic world. Ms. York shares the opinion that reading to and with children creates a “close bonding and [family] trust and opens young minds to the world of imagination. “Reading & Cooking Reading evolves into cooking, as children learn to ponder over recipes and prepare family meals. I recall making my first cake before I fully learned to read. Mother was ill and I decided, with the help of my younger siblings, I would make a cake for supper, along with fried potatoes and

scrambled eggs.

At six years old, I couldn’t decipher everything in the recipe book, so decided to dispense with it and put together the ingredients I’d seen Mother use. I recall my sister and brothers around me as we stirred the batter together, then poured it into layer cake pans. Since the wood stove oven was the only one we had, it was only natural to bake the cake there. We must have stoked the stove and read the gauge on the front of the oven door adequately. At any rate, the cake turned out fine.... except it was fairly flat. Mother, when she saw it at supper, praised our efforts, as did Father and the hired man. It was only in later years that Mother told me she concluded I’d left out the baking powder.

Story Time Cookies

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- Mix together 1/2 cup soft shortening, 1/2-cup sugar, 1 egg, and 1-teaspoon vanilla. Sift together and stir into creamed mixture: 1 1/2 cup sifted flour, 1/4 teaspoon baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon salt. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto lightly greased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees about 8 to 10 minutes, until lightly browned. Cool, and then remove to rack. (For holiday cookies, sprinkle with colored sugar before baking.)

(c) Mary Emma Allen

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




## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



### Establish a lush lawn by renovating or planting in early fall



Lawns languish in the heat of summer unless showered with the water they require to thrive. But not to worry, the grass isn’t dead.

Come fall when the rains start again, grass greens up quickly, said Alec Kowalewski, turf specialist for Oregon State University’s Extension Service.

While letting your lawn go dormant in summer isn’t a bad thing — especially with concern about water shortages — lack of irrigation does allow pesky weeds to gain a foothold, he said. And regular wear and tear can cause compaction within a lawn, which leads to brown or bare spots.

If irrigation doesn’t bring back healthy lawns, early September to late October is the optimal time to sow fresh grass seed or replace an existing lawn throughout the state.

If you wait until November, it’s too late – the next best bet to establish a new lawn comes around the following April to May.

“The problem is that when you get later into the year, annual bluegrass takes over,” Kowalewski said. “If your turfgrass seed germinates late in the fall, it will not out-compete annual bluegrass, a very problematic, profuse weed due to our wet climate.”

Don’t think you have to completely start over.

“You should always try renovation before putting in a new lawn because it’s difficult to get a stand of grass established,” Kowalewski said. “So if you have something, to begin with, go with renovating.”

What you have, to begin with, can vary from addressing a few brown spots to a desert of weeds to hardpan soil. Assess your lawn’s level of neediness and then proceed with a regular renovation or a no-holds-barred one. Most

often, a regular tune-up is all that’s needed.

Whether you’re renovating or starting over, determine the type of lawn seed you need first.

Kowalewski recommends perennial ryegrass for a lawn in full sun in western Oregon. If your lawn lies in the shade or you don’t irrigate much, fine fescues are a great choice. Tall fescues are best if you don’t water much and your lawn gets full sun.

“Fescues are very drought-tolerant,” he said. “Tall fescue is the most drought-tolerant and fine fescue is both drought- and shade-tolerant.”

For eastern Oregon homeowners who deal with a significant amount of snowfall, use Kentucky bluegrass. But remember, it needs irrigation.

Science has not created a kind of turfgrass that stays green all year without any water – yet.

“Tall fescue is the closest thing to it,” Kowalewski said.

Once you’ve got your lawn established, adhere to Kowalewski’s three steps to a healthy lawn that will outcompete weeds: water, fertilize and mow properly.

Watering is a matter of 1 inch a week, but don’t do it all at once.

“If you look at the roots, the majority are in the top 1 inch of the soil,” he said. “The deeper you go the fewer roots there are so watering more than a quarter inch at a time is a waste. So irrigate more frequently with fewer amounts when it’s not raining.”

Fertilize four times a year. An easy way to remember is to apply on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving.

When it comes to mowing, never remove more than one-third of the grass at one time. That means if

the lawn is 3 inches long, cut only 1 inch. Cutting more than one-third weakens the lawn, leaving it vulnerable to weeds and diseases. For most grasses, 2 inches is about a top range of what a homeowner will tolerate, but higher is even better.

“Increase the height of the grass as tall as you can stand it and mow once a week,” he said. “If you mow it to an inch, it’s horrible to the health of the plant because you’re decreasing rooting depth and stress tolerance. And you’ll have to water more often.”

Mow once a week in spring and fall, less often during summer and winter months. Instead of bagging up clippings, consider leaving them where they fall. They break down quickly and resupply much-needed nitrogen. The more often you mow, the easier this is to do. Don’t, however, leave clumps of clippings sitting on the lawn.

For tips on starting a new lawn, see Extension’s publication Practical Lawn Establishment and Renovation.

To renovate, follow Kowalewski’s recommendations:

For regular renovation:

Do a pH test. Either take a sample with help from Extension’s Guide to Collecting Soil Samples for Farms and Gardens and send it to a soil lab, or buy a test kit at the nursery. Lawns grow well with a pH of 6 to 6.5.

Remove weeds by hand or with a broad-spectrum herbicide.

Aerate lawn with a machine available at rental shops. Pay particular attention to bare spots or compacted areas. Rake off plugs of soil removed by the aerator.

If the pH is on the low side (below 6.0), add lime. It’s common in western Oregon for lawns to need lime every two to three years.

Fertilize with a product that has plenty of nitrogen, low or no phosphorus, and a medium level of potassium. Check the fertilizer label and choose something with a high first number (N), a low second number (P), and a medium third number (K) such as 20-2-6. You’ll get the best results using a rotary spreader.

Overseed at the recommended rate, going a little thicker on really bare spots. Use a drop seeder for even distribution.

Water newly seeded turf daily unless it rains.

For major renovation, do the above steps and add the following:

Mow the lawn as short as possible before getting started.

Before aerating, dethatch the lawn with a dethatching machine or power rake, which you can rent. The idea is to expose as much soil as possible. Run the machine across the lawn twice, in opposite directions. Remove the loosened thatch before changing direction.

After seeding, mulch with a thin layer of sawdust, bark dust, or compost. A quarter inch is enough; don’t overdo it or the seed will have a tough time germinating. To make the job easier, rent a wire drum roller.

For more information, watch Kowalewski’s video Integrated Pest Management for Turfgrass. Or check out the following publications: Practical Lawn Care for Western Oregon, Retail Lawn Seed Mixtures for Western Oregon and Western Washington and Fertilizing Lawn.



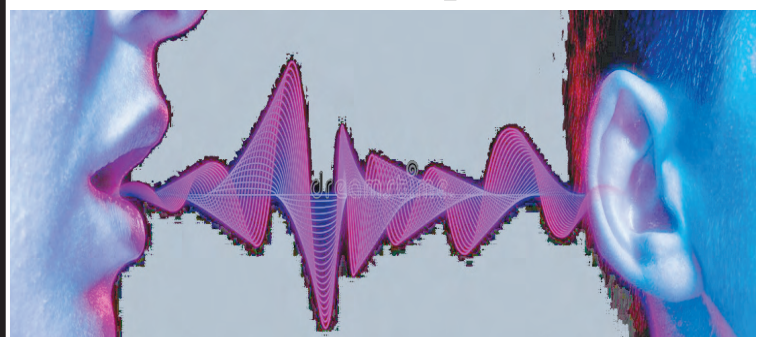
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**Leaburg Food Pantry**  
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**September 16 & 17**  
**Craft & Vendor Fair**  
Nature crafts for kids, a raffle, woodworks, quilts, beauty & bath products, childre’s clothing and jewelry will all be on display this Saturday and Sunday on the grounds of the Orchid Clinic in Rainbow. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at 54771 McK. Hwy.

**September 19**  
**McKenzie Fire & Rescue**  
McK. Fire & Rescue will hold

its monthly Board of Directors meeting at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center from noon to 1 p.m.

**September 19**  
**Springfield School Board**  
7 pm - 8:30 pm. The Board of Directors meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

**September 21**  
**Upper McK Fire Board**  
The board of directors will meet at 7p.m. 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

**September 24**  
**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

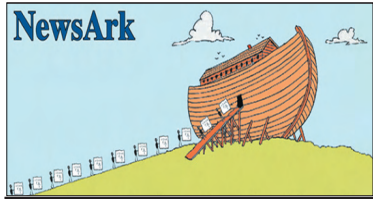
there as well.

**September 30**  
**Documentary Showing**  
The documentay “Elemental” will be prsented as a free event at 7 p.m. at the U.S. Basketball Academy. Doors will open at 6 p., and a question and answer panel will be available after te screening. The acadamy is located at is 54705 McKenzie Hwy. in Rainbow.

**October 3**  
**Springfield School Board**  
7 pm - 8:30 pm. The Board of Directors meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

**October 8**  
**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.

Finn J.D. John, author of the “Offbeat Oregon” column that has appeared weekly in several newspapers throughout the region has switched to a once-a-month production schedule. To keep the focus of history, stories from the archives of McKenzie River Reflections



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From the February 14, 2008 edition of McKenzie River Reflections



Dozens of camera shutters were in action when stars from the CBS TV show “Big Brother” made appearances in Rainbow. But the bigger news that week was in the story below.

**Nine new hydro plants planned for the McKenzie**

MCKENZIE RIVER: A SanFranciscobasedcompany has filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a preliminary permit to develop up to nine new hydropower projects on the McKenzie River. Principle Power Hydro said the plants would be constructed between river mile 75 at Scott Creek (just upstream of Paradise Campground) and just above Leaburg Dam at river mile 41. Each could be similar in size to the Eugene Water & Electric Board’s Leaburg or Walterville plants.

In the application company CEO Alia Weinstein notes

the projects are designed to maximize power production while minimizing affects on “environmental, recreational and other resources associated with the river. This single preliminary permit application is being filed for this river reach, because the proximity of the projects to each other indicates that environmental and other studies should be conducted on these multiple sites as a group under a single study.”

Instead of damming the stream to create reservoirs or lakes, the proposal calls for the construction of diversionary weirs, noting that the river drops

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**A Moment in Oregon History**  
By Rick Steber  
(www.ricksteber.com)

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

### Familiar Territory

My friends, Nick and Elisabeth, are married but live separately. She’s away at school, and he works here. They’ve been together eight years, married for three. To all appearances their relationship is happy and healthy.

Elisabeth is one of the most wonderful people I know. Nick is interesting, funny, but a bit sleazy, and I’m not nearly as close with him.

Three years ago, Nick came on to me in a very physical way. I was shocked. He had always been flirtatious, but he flirts with everyone. I told him to back off and left in a hurry.

I spent weeks agonizing over whether I should tell Elisabeth. Finally, he told her. She was devastated and almost dumped him. He proposed. To make a long story short, they got over it and married.

For the past couple of years, things have been great. Elisabeth and I got closer, and I rarely saw Nick alone. Since she left, Nick has been lonely, and since his office is close to mine, we occasionally have lunch.

Things have been fine for ages, so last night when he called to ask if I needed company, I said yes. He hugged me when he came in, and put his arm around me while

we watched TV. As the evening progressed, he got cuddlier. He brushed my breast as if by accident, and I didn’t know what to say.

Each time I returned to the couch, he pulled me close though I resisted. He stood behind me while I washed dishes, put his hand around my waist, and pressed himself up against me. Several times he ran his hands over my bum when I bent down and “accidentally” brushed my pubic area a couple of times as well.

I thought the physical signals I was giving were clear, but I couldn’t bring myself to make a scene. Finally I asked him to leave.

Today I feel extremely angry, at myself and him. I should have slapped his hand, yelled, and shoved him out the door. I am not in the least bit attracted to this man, and he is my best friend’s husband!

Do I tell Elisabeth? Do I keep my mouth shut, risking that he will cheat and she won’t find out until they have kids, or she contracts some disease? I don’t think she will blame me. I did nothing wrong.

Cassandra

Cassandra, your namesake in

Greek mythology was blessed with the gift of foreseeing the future, but cursed because no one believed her.

How can you tell Elisabeth? If you conceal the details, she can brush this off as another harmless flirtation. If you reveal the details so you are believed, Elisabeth will feel they implicate you even more than her husband.

The first time a woman is touched in an unwelcome, sexual manner she says stop, she says no, she leaves the area. Why didn’t you do what you did once before with this very same man? Elisabeth will demand the answer to that question.

Whatever you choose to do, your relationship with these two is over. That part of the future is perfectly clear.

Wayne & Tamara

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

## American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

There is a posture that poets sometimes take, that of the prophet speaking predictions into the world, or simply proclaiming what is happening in the moment. More often than not, the role is reluctantly embraced, for who wants to speak of calamity in the

face of calamity? Joan Naviyuk Kane’s poem “Fieldwork” assumes a knowing that carries the authority of ancestral memory. It becomes urgent in this calamitous moment, a moment of drought and heat that is familiar to us these days. If there is hope, it lies in the expectation of movement: “as we move, / moon into moon.” The reluctant prophetess, too, wants to survive.

**Fieldwork**  
By Joan Naviyuk Kane  
Another day of heat-  
strangers  
continue to wobble  
across the horizon, bringing  
drought  
when instead we should have  
deluge.

I steep snow-lichen in water I  
drew from a lake  
which has since gone dry.

At sea few understood me,  
as though I induced a sickness  
that deafened, then healed.

As before, I predict lies,  
to be pushed from the boat  
time and time again.

Nevertheless, I expect  
to get by while their widowers  
seek refuge with their provident  
families; perhaps a storm will pile  
fish  
at their doors when the red tide  
rises,  
perhaps they will not follow as we  
move,

moon into moon, under another sky.

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## Fishing Report

**McKenzie River:** All hatchery rainbow trout released into the McKenzie River are marked with an adipose fin clip and anglers must release all non fin-clipped (wild) trout in the mainstem river. The lower 11 miles of the McKenzie River below the Hayden Bridge - and the McKenzie River upstream from Forest Glen Boat Ramp at Blue River - are restricted to angling with lures and flies only, and all trout must be released.

**Trout Stocking Schedule:** Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8” to 10” hatchery fish last week were: McKenzie River (above Leaburg Dam) – 1,833.

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# Nine new hydro plants

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approximately 899 feet in elevation - from an elevation of 1,668 feet at the upstream end to 752 feet near Vida.

“We anticipate that approximately 8 or 9 stand alone hydropower facilities will be sited and constructed on the river,” Weinstein said. “However, the number and specific locations of the projects will depend on the results of a detailed feasibility study that will be conducted under the requested permit.”

At this point Principle Power assumes the hydropower projects would involve the diversion weirs; penstocks, canals and possibly tunnels; along with powerhouses, (which may be located either within the riparian zone or away from the main river channel), and local power lines to connect to the pre-existing transmission system in the area.

User groups like American

Whitewater are keeping an eye on the proposal. “We’ve heard similar claims for other projects currently under construction in British Columbia and they sure look like dams to us,” according to AW’s Thomas O’Keefe. “The total size of these projects on the McKenzie would be 83 MW which would represent a fairly significant footprint. By way of comparison the hydro project on the White Salmon River is just over 10 MW.”

In June of last year Oregon passed a renewable energy law that requires the largest utilities in the state to provide 25 percent of their retail sales of electricity from clean, renewable sources of energy by 2025. The state also defined hydropower as a renewable energy source.

Although they haven’t been approached yet, officials at the Eugene Water & Electric Board are aware

of the planned projects.

“We would listen to any proposal they have,” said EWEB spokesman Marty Douglass. “But we don’t know if in the end, we would purchase. We have a resource strategy now that is really trying to de-emphasize hydro a bit. And, it would have to be ‘clean hydro’ – that is as environmentally friendly - before we’d purchase it.”

Douglas said based on EWEB’s own experiences in the relicensing of their McKenzie hydro facilities, the Principle Power projects could prove to be challenging. “It would not be a small matter to locate new facilities on the river,” he said. “It will take some effort.”

“AW will closely follow this project as it progresses and identify opportunities for public comment,” O’Keefe says. “We don’t yet have all the details but we believe our members will have serious concerns with the industrial development of this spectacular whitewater resource.”

Principle Power’s estimated construction costs average approximately \$700,000 per project site, for a combined total of \$6,300,000 for nine generating facilities.

Eventually plans for the development were shelved.

Other stories in the 2/14/2008 edition included EWEB’s offer to buy 2.9 acres in Vida for a new boat ramp, OSU’s “Clear Lake Connection,” and a Sheriff’s Office complaint from a Greenwood Drive resident that nearly every house on her street has experienced some kind of vandalism over the past few days.

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By Slim Randles

It was like buzzards circling a body.

The Jones kid, Randy, was out in the Mule Barn parking lot with the hood up on his car. He was staring down into it the way a first-time parachutist would look out the airplane door. You never quite knew for sure what lay ahead.

“Looks like Randy’s got problems,” said Steve.

“Let’s have a look,” said Dud.

So coffee was left to get cold and the entire Supreme Court of All Things Mechanical – Steve, Dud, Doc, Herb and Dewey – trooped out to see what was going on.

They formed a powerful semi-circle of wisdom around the youth and his engine with folded arms and facial expressions that said, “It’s okay, Kid. We’re here.”

Dewey spoke first. “Having trouble, Randy?”

“Won’t start.”

Doc, who has the most initials after his name, said, “Give it a try.”

Randy ground the engine, but it wouldn’t kick over.

“Stop! Stop!” Doc yelled.

“Don’t want to flood it.”

All Doc knows about flooding is that the animals went on board, two by two.

“Randy, I think it’s the solenoid,” said Steve, looking wise.

“Doesn’t have one, Steve,” Randy said.

“Sure it does. All cars have solenoids.”

“Not the new ones. Haven’t made solenoids in years.”

Steve’s expression said, “Young punks, what do they know?” But his voice said, “Well, what do you know about that?”

“Need a jump?” Dewey asked.

“Got plenty of spark,” Randy said.

Randy looked at the older men and then bent to the engine and smiled. His voice came floating up over the radiator. “Might be the junction fibrillator. Or it could be a malfunction of the Johnson switch. If I rerun the wire from the organ housing to the pump bypass, that might get it done.”

When Randy looked up, all the men had gone back in for coffee. He smiled and called Triple A on his cell phone.

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# Canal conundrum

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**Back in the 1950’s Hiram ‘Tom’ Perry’s main duty was a ditch walker, where he went daily from the Leaburg Plant to the Leaburg Dam, and back, checking for known and unknown canal leaks.**

From there the timeline would likely extend another 5 years before the final plan is actually implemented and the physical work gets underway. Adding all that together - people could expect the Leaburg project to be back in service, continue to only act as a channel to transport rainwater, or be completely removed - by 2035 or 2037.

Underlying issues involve how the project was originally built. In some places, the levees that form the canal channel are up to 50 feet tall. Material to build them was taken from the surrounding landscape which in some places has led to structural deficiencies.

EWEB had always kept an eye on seepage, which is considered to be normal in similar structures. But over the last 15 years, the seepage had tripled. In 2018 FERC ruled the canal had to be dewatered because of the possibility of dangerous breaches in some sections.

Any rebuilding would involve replacing the sand, gravel, and cobbles used in areas like Cogswell Creek and the Ames reach with higher-strength materials. But in addition, Zinniker says the dimensions would also have to be increased.

An updated canal would have a much broader base with shallower slopes. In some areas, like near the Greenwood Drive/Hwy. 126 intersection, that wider design could cause problems.

At Greenwood, Zinniker said, “the canal is butted right up against the highway and the highway is butted right up against the river.”

The solution calls for constructing

a structural concrete flume with reinforced steel to no longer rely on the earthen embankment.

Other changes from the original design address potential hazards, The Leaburg and Walterville projects went through FERC relicensing in 1997. Seismic issues weren’t on most people’s radar. “At that point, the Cascadia Subduction Zone wasn’t seen as a problem,” Zinniker says. “now we understand it’s quite active and that the magnitude of an earthquake that could happen is much greater.”

Soil testing in 2018 also showed the banks can’t handle earthquakes, leading to a FERC requirement that they are beefed up.

Zinniker said the agency is also requiring that all high-hazard projects include design elements that address a probable maximum flood. “It’s a detailed recipe for a probable maximum flood that in western Oregon generally equates to a 1-in-a-million flood event. That’s what they expect us to be able to deal with. It’s challenging.”

To ensure the canal isn’t overwhelmed, it’s likely a solution would involve the creation of an additional spillway to handle the increased water volumes.

People can comment on the different proposals for the canal until October 10th. Also that month, EWEB’s staff expects to provide the Board of Commissioners with a complete draft of their assessments of the alternatives.

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Rafter drowned near Paradise Campground

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: On Sunday, at approximately 8:18am, the Lane County Sheriff’s Office received a report that a raft had overturned in the McKenzie River near Paradise Campground. Paradise campground is located just upriver from McKenzie Bridge. While en route, deputies learned that one of the three involved rafters was unconscious and CPR had been performed by bystanders and paramedics. At 9:14 a.m., paramedics at the scene advised the involved male had died.

Can we live with wildfires? Documentary film explores what could be done

Nearly 20 years ago the Biscuit fire burned across half a million acres in Southern Oregon. It also exposed a college sophomore to the controversy, science and politics at play during and after the blaze. That student was Trip Jennings who assembled a team to grapple with the complex debate around fire and worked with scientists, advocates and local citizens to capture the story in a documentary. More than a decade later, the Eagle Creek fire ignited the Columbia River Gorge, a scenic area just a half hour from Jennings home. “As the fire burned, legislation was proposed that would allow clearcut logging in the forests after the fire. The community was shocked and angry,” he recalls. “People were searching for answers, and I noticed that people were sharing my nearly two-decade-old student film - I was taken aback. Was it possible that little to nothing else was available to communicate this message?” After the fire he took to the air with an expert scientist to assess the burn and created a short film **Live with wildfires?** - Page 12

A scene from “Elemental” that will be shown at the U.S. Basketball Academy.

The canal conundrum

Decisions to repair or remove will both be costly

Construction of the Leaburg Canal began in late 1928 and the hydroelectric project went into service on January 6, 1930, with a rated capacity of 7,500 kva. LEABURG: Early in 1927, when the Eugene Water & Electric Board decided another power source was needed it didn’t plan 10,000 years in advance. Nor did the utility have to consider what natural disasters might occur in the next million years. Today, though, potential seismic or mega-flood events are part of design requirements mandated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). 2022 marks 95 years since EWEB made the decision to build the Leaburg hydroelectric project. It is also a time when the useful life of the facility has run out. Choices for its future range from full modernization to minor upgrading as well as the possible removal of all structures. This December, EWEB commissioners are planning to choose one of four options that will range between \$179 million to \$257 million. Any decision will come with requirements for decades of consultations involving a wide range of agencies and interest groups - all monitored by FERC. “Regardless of what alternative the board chooses we are going to need a FERC license,” accord to Mark Zinniker, the utility’s generation engineering manager. He estimates issues raised during those discussions would likely be resolved by 2028 or ‘29. From there the timeline would likely extend another 5 years before the final plan is actually implemented and the physical work gets underway. Adding all that together - people could expect the Leaburg project to be back in service, continue to only act as a channel to transport rainwater, or be completely removed - by 2035 or 2037. Underlying issues involve how the project was originally built. In some places the levees that form the canal channel are up to 50 feet tall.

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