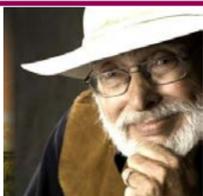




## Sheriff's Reports

Male identified himself as the 'vessel' of the caller's deceased brother.

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## Home Country

Naturally we had to rid the world of about a gallon of coffee

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## Direct Answers

My older brother is being groomed to continue the dysfunction

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## Aufderheide Drive closure continues

COUGAR LAKE: Forest Service Road 19 (Aufderheide Drive) remains closed to thru traffic near milepost 52 due to continued safety hazards. The cliff adjacent to the road has not yet been stabilized and rocks are continuing to break loose. Please respect the closures, as it is dangerous to be near this actively shifting area - rocks as large as two feet in diameter have fallen on the road. Contractors will complete rock bolting and install a rockfall mesh to safely re-



A rockslide at milepost 52 is still a chokepoint for travel along Aufderheide Drive.

open the roadway, which is estimated to be completed by fall of 2021. The road will be closed until the hazard is mitigated. Terwilliger Hot Springs are not accessible on FS Road 19 from **Aufderheide - Page 2**

## Politicians praised Blue River's comeback

U.S Senators, Congressman and County Commissioner all spoke at Blue River ribbon cutting



Postmaster Charles Hutchison (left), Senator Jeff Merkley, Congressman Peter DeFazio, Senator Ron Wyden, and the U.S. Postal Service's William Schwartz all joined together for the ribbon cut.

BLUE RIVER: "Today is truly a special delivery day for Blue River. And in true Oregon fashion, it doesn't happen by osmosis." With those introductory words Ron Wyden went on to congratulate both community members and the U.S. Postal Service, saying he, "Put my stamp of approval on this very special occa-

sion."

Wyden, Oregon's senior U.S. Senator, was speaking at Last Wednesday's dedication ceremony of the Blue River Post Office, which burned in 2020.

Also speaking from the dais was Senator Jeff Merkely, who referred to the rebuilt building as, "A high point like today,

gathered together and like a phoenix out of the ashes, we have this new Post Office here. Let's give a cheer and a little applause to everybody who helped make this happen."

"It's been far, far too long since I've been inside a brand new Post Office," was the way 4<sup>th</sup> District **Comeback - Page 6**

## Thurston Hills logging hits court roadblock



Michael Sherman Spring Fed Media

THURSTON: For the second time in three years, a plan to log 100 acres at the edge of Springfield in the Thurston Hills has been denied by a federal judge. Opponents claimed the project increased the risk of wildfire and diminished recreational values that clear-cut logging would bring to the area.

"It's been such a relief to hear that the forest I think of as my backyard won't be destroyed by Seneca Jones Timber Company and the Bureau of Land Management" **Thurston Hills - Page 2**

## Caution urged on area lakes and rivers

With more people recreating on and near area waterways, public safety agencies are cautioning people to take extra precautions when floating the river this year as debris from the Holiday Farm Fire

has increased the number of river hazards.

Officials recommend all water users wear life vests, don't float on uncertified floatation devices and don't float in unfamiliar waterways.



ESLS

In May, Eugene Springfield Fire water rescue crews rescued three people trapped on a log in the middle of the river behind RiverBend Hospital.

## ODFW bracing for another drought year



A lot of boat launches on reservoirs are likely to remain high and dry again this year.

March and April of 2021 were among the driest spring months since the 1890s. Many streams are already at 25 percent of the flow that is typical for this

time of year, with flows usually seen in early summer observed in April on some southern Oregon streams

ODFW is bracing for a **Drought year - Page 2**

## Little Free Library opens

FINN ROCK: A family's pre-World War II connection with the McKenzie was firmed up on Tuesday, when a new Little Free Library was set up in front of the Food Pantry on the grounds of the McKenzie

Community School. It was donated by Janet and Tom Heinonen of Eugene.

"My father (Ethan Newman) sold fish from Newman's Fish Market from his truck in the pre-grounds of the McKenzie **Free Library - Page 2**



Connie Richardson

The new Little Library, next to the Food Pantry at the McKenzie River Community School, had its own ribbon cutting on Tuesday and is open to all ages, any time of day.

# Letters to the Editor

## Need more diverse meat production

Earlier this year, President Joe Biden signed an executive order calling for strengthening vulnerable agricultural supply chains and encouraging production here at home.

In the past 18 months, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on agricultural producers, processors, and other small businesses revealed the dangerous effects of consolidation up and down the food supply chain. Farmers, processors, and retailers faced significant losses, and customers found product shortages and high prices.

The pandemic isn't the only issue. News of the recent cyberattack on meat processing company JBS makes the need for a more diverse food supply chain even sharper.

In addressing ways to make our food supply less vulnerable, we encouraged the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to offer proposed grants to small meat processors through the Consoli-

dated Appropriations Act and the American Rescue Plan as soon as possible. The investment can bring small plants up to federal inspection standards and increase the capacity through building expansions, equipment upgrades, and technical training.

Additionally, the USDA can incentivize the development of alternative processing, packaging, and distribution hubs that can allow small, independent farmers to bring their products to market in a competitive way. USDA can also increase funding to several established programs aimed at promoting and developing new markets for local farmers under the Local Agriculture Market Program.

Whether the threat is a pandemic or foreign hackers, it's clear that a resilient agricultural sector is a diverse one. This is the time to support independent farmers, businesses, and local markets.

Nathan Beacom  
Senior Policy Associate  
Center for Rural Affairs  
Lyons, NE



## Aufderheide

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the north side (Blue River); however, they are still accessible from the south on the Westfir side. The drive from Westfir to Terwilliger Hot Springs is nearly 100 miles long round trip. Please ensure you

have enough fuel to return and adequate provisions before journeying to the hot springs.

For more information on the closure, please visit our website: <https://go.usa.gov/x6TvT>

## Library opens

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WWII era and his Lane County route included what we called "up the McKenzie." Janet says. In addition, her brother Doug was a lookout on Castle Rock as well as at Sand Mountain.

Janet says she's always loved children's books, and was a SMART reader at Camas Ridge School in Eugene since the early 90s. She also served on the local SMART board of directors.

Janet and Tom collected donations for wildfire relief last fall, and later drove to survey the devastation. While in the area

they spoke with Mary and Jeff Sherman and about the loss of the O'Brien Library and the fact that there's no librarian in the school district.

"Having been involved with Eugene's South University Neighborhood Association project to build community kiosks that later included Little Free Libraries," Janet says, "the LFL idea seemed like a good match for Blue River."

The LFL project is indeed "little" but its simple premise of "Take a book, share a book"

serious drought as summer arrives, with the entire state being impacted. Currently, 72 percent of the state is in severe or extreme drought status according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

"Unfortunately, we are likely looking at a very tough summer and fall ahead for fish," Shaun Clements, ODFW Deputy Administrator for Inland Fisheries. "It's possible that ODFW may have to take emergency actions to protect native fish populations due to the drought."

should work well in Blue River, she feels.

McKenzie K-12 students had a chance on Tuesday to each pick a "starter" book: a book that they can trade for a different book from the LFL. Currently, there were 400+ books to share. Any leftovers will be used to fill out the LFL shelves as needed. Connie Richardson has offered to help oversee the LFL.

Want to help? Janet says the answer is simple: "people can help with the LFL is by using it!"

## Drought year

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"Please try to be flexible with your fishing plans this summer as we get through this drought," continued Clements. "Our weekly Recreation Report is the best source of information on conditions and any emergency regulation changes due to drought."

Some of the emergency actions that could occur are:

Trout stocking changes. The stocking schedule may change at short notice due to water conditions. Changes may not show up in the stocking schedule so see the Recreation Report for the latest information.

Early release of fish: Low flows/high temps at hatcheries may force early release of salmon, steelhead and trout being raised.

Emergency closures/regulation changes: Certain areas may be closed to angling to reduce stress on vulnerable fish populations already struggling due to drought; bag limits could be reduced or seasons shortened; "hoot owl" regulations may close fishing earlier in the day.

Bag limits may be removed: In areas without sensitive fish populations, bag limits may be removed so surviving fish can be harvested rather than left to die in low water.

Fish relocation: While rare, it's possible ODFW will salvage fish and move them to a different waterbody.

Any regulation changes will be posted in the Recreation Report/Fishing Report by fishing zone, so

don't forget to always check the for the latest regulation change report before fishing.

On days when temperatures soar, anglers can do their part to reduce the stress fish are under:

Fish early in day when water temperatures are cooler.

Look for trout in deep, high elevation lakes or shaded streams near headwaters. These places are often cooler.

Use barbless hooks so you can release fish easily and land fish quickly. The longer the fight, the less likely the fish will survive if released.

Keep the fish in the water when you unhook it and cradle the fish upright until it revives enough to swim away.

Use your judgement. If conditions where you want to fish seems especially severe (low, hot water), consider fishing somewhere else where water conditions are better.

Due to climate change, droughts are expected to become more frequent and more severe. ODFW scientists are working to identify coldwater refuges, support flow restoration projects and improve habitat where possible to mitigate the effects of climate change on fish. For more information, see the agency's climate change policy.

"There are things we can do to help ensure our iconic species can weather these droughts," Clements said. "By protecting and restoring the most important habitats to provide cool, clean water, we give them a fighting chance."

## Thurston Hills

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ment," according Ronna Frank, a 79<sup>th</sup> Street resident near the project. "It never made sense to me why they would want to log such a small but beloved area of forest that's so close to town when there's so much other land in the state that isn't so healthy and so loved. I am so relieved this reckless project has been shot down again."

Under the Bureau of Land Management plan, critics said logging would occur directly over planned

mountain bike and hiking trails that will connect with existing Willamalane Park & Recreation District trails.

"I am so ready for the BLM to stop trying to clearcut Thurston Hills and just build these much-anticipated trails," according to Ian Petersen, owner of Map Your Adventure. "This area is destined to become a world-class mountain biking location but not if the BLM clearcuts it. Hopefully the agency will now proceed with expanding

the trail system and remove the clearcutting component."

When the sale was revived late last year, opponents said the only substantive difference was that the agency, "Chose to acknowledge the fire risk, without changing the proposal to mitigate the hazard. In light of the recent Holiday Farm Fire which displaced many families upriver from Springfield, this careless regard for our community is disgraceful."

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Date	High	Low	Rain Releases	Date	High	Low	Riverflow
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6/3	90	58	0 1,160 cfs	6/3	89	53	0 4,940 cfs
6/4	84	57	0 770 cfs	6/4	85	53	0 3,930 cfs
6/5	68	51	0 560 cfs	6/5	79	46	0 3,330 cfs
6/6	67	47	0 430 cfs	6/6	66	42	0 2,750 cfs
6/7	70	46	0.06 420 cfs	6/7	67	44	0 2,560 cfs

# Sheriff's Report

**May 30: 4:26:39 p.m:** Suspicious Subject - 39400 block, Waltherville Ln. Caller reports a suspicious male came to his front door and identified himself as the 'vessel' of the caller's deceased brother. The male departed in an unknown plated white car.

**June 1: 8:47 a.m:** Threat, Harassment - 93300 blk, Holland Ln.

**9:48 a.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Mill Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy.

**11:46 a.m:** Disoriented Subject - 87800 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

**12:06 p.m:** Welfare Check - 91600 blk, Alma Dr.

**12:13 p.m:** Violation of Restraining Order - 92200 blk, Murdoch St.

**4:53 p.m:** Assist, Information - McK. River Dr.

**7:02 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 37300 blk, Tree Farm Rd.

**7:46 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants - Marcola Rd. & Paschelke Rd.

**10:18 p.m:** Dead Animal - Marcola Milepost 13 to 14.

**June 2: 6:37 a.m:** Abandoned Vehicle - 34300 blk, McK. View Dr.

**11:26 a.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 51800 blk, Rose St.

**12:17 p.m:** Assist, Citizen Contact - McK. Hwy. & Dexter St.

**12:33 p.m:** Custodial Interference - 88200 blk, Tiki Ln.

**12:33 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Mill Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy.

**12:55 p.m:** Water Patrol - McK. River.

**1:08 p.m:** Assist, Citizen Contact - Aufderheide Dr. & McK. Hwy.

**4:10 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Mp. 43.

**4:37 p.m:** Assist Fire Dept. - Blue River Dr. & McK. Hwy.

**9:22 p.m:** Lost Subject - Lat: 44.072181 Long: -122.282209.

**June 3: 1:04 p.m:** Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 39400 blk, Ann Ln.

**1:44 p.m:** Traffic, Eluding - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**3:06 p.m:** Warrant Service - Nadeau Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**4:19 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:44 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Camp Creek Rd. & Millican Rd.

**8:02 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Holden Creek Ln. & Bridge St.

**8:04 p.m:** Animal Abuse - 90900 blk, Angels Flight Rd.

**8:14 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 37300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**8:59 p.m:** Illegal Burn - 46000 blk, McK. Hwy.

**10:02 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - 47900 blk, McK. Hwy.

**June 4: 12:00 p.m:** Narcotics, Drug Info - 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

**4:04 p.m:** Animal Abuse - 90900 blk, Angels Flight Rd. Caller reported a goat tied up at the location with no food or water. Deputies initially responded and were unable to locate any goats.

**4:19 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk McK. Hwy. Caller reported finding a can on his property.

**4:44 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Camp Creek Rd. & Millican Rd. A female was contacted in a black unlicensed BMW.

**June 5: 2:49 a.m:** Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd. **8:25 a.m:** Warrant Service - Marcola Rd. Mp. 9.5.

**1:46 p.m:** Animal Abuse - 90900 blk, Angels Flight Rd.

**1:50 a.m:** Theft From Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Sunderman Rd.

**2:43 p.m:** Driving While Suspended - 45000 blk, McK. Hwy.

**3:08 p.m:** Found Animal - Marcola Rd. & H F Williams Rd.

**4:04 p.m:** Assist, Citizen Contact - 45000 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:45 p.m:** Lost Subject - Lat: 44.057205 Long: -122.453033.

**4:55 p.m:** Traffic Hazard - McK. Acres Dr. & Camp Creek Rd.

**5:30 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**5:45 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up -

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# State Police Report

**June 4: 09:35:** Trespassing - 90800 block, Angels Flight Rd. OSP received a trespass on private property complaint in the Leaburg area. The subject was contacted and cited in lieu of custody for Trespass II and Felon in Possession of a Weapon. Arrested; Charged; Citation/Warning issued to Paul GM Moore, 55, from Gresham, OR.

**13:31:** Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 40. OSP received notification from the Upper McKenzie Fire station that one of their vehicles stuck a power line pole. The crash was non-reportable and Upper McKenzie Fire contacted the owner of the power line pole.

**22:48:** Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Mp. 27. Troopers were dispatched to a reported MVC. A small passenger car traveling eastbound drifted into the oncoming lane in front of a dually pickup hauling a 40 foot fifth-wheel trailer. The truck and trailer veered towards the shoulder to avoid colliding head on with the passenger car. The trailer's wheels left the roadway and entered the

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# McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**June 1: 6:43:** 44000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**16:01:** 37000 blk, Maranatha Ln. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**June 2: 16:05:** Blue River Dr./ McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**June 3: 17:32:** N. Gate Creek Rd/ Milepost 2. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**18:18:** 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Illegal Burning. Burn pile outside burning hours.

**21:33:** 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**June 4: 11:01:** Angels Flight

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# Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

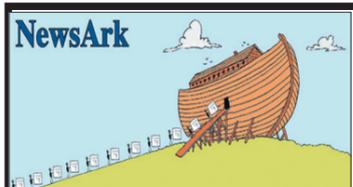
**June 1: 12:48:** Medical - 91000 block, Alma Dr.

**June 2: 16:02:** Medical - Blue River Dr./McK. Hwy.

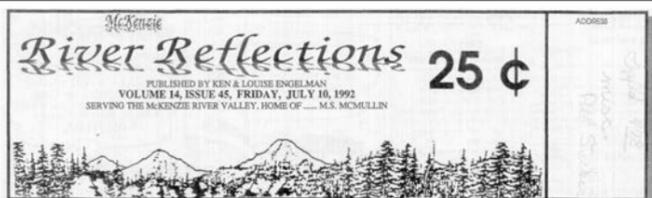
**June 5: 17:59:** Medical - 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**20:20:** Medical - 48000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.



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### McKenzie Residents Association Formed

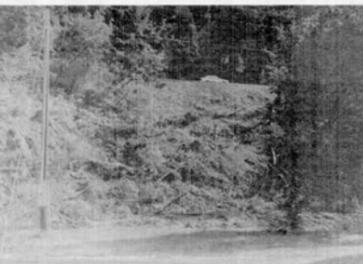
League Folds, New Group Established

The McKenzie River Protection League went out of business at a public meeting Wednesday night, giving way to a new "McKenzie Valley Residents Association." League chairman John Cunningham told the audience there was a need to leave behind the divisions brought about by the McKenzie River Initiative and now the new organization as a way to "inform the public and give them advice about issues they will face in the future."

Following some heated discussion about property rights and environmental issues, a five person board for the new group was selected. Audience members also offered suggestions on issues they wanted to focus more on. Some of those issues included: a legal definition of riparian plant types; how backhoes can be controlled.

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### Highway Slide Repair Underway



Thurston's "Bump" At Milepost 10 Receiving \$1/2 Million Fix

Shipping and sliding of the McKenzie Highway near milepost 10 should be halted soon. Crews from Doris Construction have been at the site this week, clearing parts of the hillside and re-excavating Cispwell Creek to the north and away from the troublesome mudslide.

According to Chuck Godfrey, an assistant State Highway project engineer in Eugene, most of the muddy hillside will later be excavated and replaced with heavy rock. Workers will also replace 650 feet of roadway and widen the highway to include two 12 foot travel lanes with 4 foot shoulders.

Terms of the \$410,000 contract call for the project to be substantially completed by the end of September, following by some landscaping. Godfrey said traffic interruptions should be minor while activity is focused at the base of the hill. But when the roadway is rebuilt traffic will be limited to one travel lane and delays can be expected.

### New Sign Marks Center

A new sign for the Upper McKenzie Community Center was erected this week.

Involvement in its construction were: Lorraine and June Wells, McKenzie High School student Bob Davidson under the supervision of Wood Shop teacher Jeff Sherman, Lew Dumble, Dean Osterhake, Roy Hanson, Ken Sisk, Don Lamblich, and the Blue McKenzie Lions Club and YFW McKenzie River Post #8038.

Take a drive by the Community Center and admire their handwork.



### Drought Affecting Recreation

Boaters Find Blue River Reservoir Levels Are Down

Low reservoir levels are limiting boating access at several Ranger Districts, the Willamette National Forest announced this week.

Due to a low snowpack and little spring rain, the Blue River Reservoir is lower than usual for this time of year. Rick Ley, Recreation Staff Officer on the District said the boat ramp at the Lockport Boat Site was unavailable on July 4th because of the unreasonable low water.

However, access to Blue River Reservoir is still possible from other locales including the Saddle Dam boat ramp. "Please let us help you plan your vacation by phoning the Blue River Ranger District for the status of your favorite boat landing," says Ley. Boaters can also launch into Cougar Reservoir at the Echo Boat Landing.

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By Slim Randles

Ran into Doc down at The Mule Barn the other day, so naturally we had to rid the world of about a gallon of coffee and solve the world's problems for an hour. It is the duty of all true Americans of our age, you know.

Doc said he'd been aching a little bit lately. Joints or something. He'd been out fixing the pasture fence where the mare had been pushing on it. The next morning it made him walk funny.

"I remember when my dad was my age," he said. "I asked him how it felt to be this old. Well, he looked at me as though I were committing a crime by having brown hair, you know? And then he said, 'To be this old? Well, I guess it beats the alternative.'"

The truth is, the morning coffee drinkers of our area aren't really old, not inside. We hurt a bit more the next day when we do things, that's all. And having to walk funny for an hour or so is a small price to pay for our experience.

Being experienced sounds better.

"The other day," Doc said, "I was down to the feed store, and the kid there took one look at me and carried those heavy sacks out to the truck for me. It was embarrassing, and she shouldn't have done it."

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### EWEB commissioners will meet in Leaburg

Tuesday, June 15, 6 p.m.  
McKenzie Fire & Rescue Training Center

Eugene Water & Electric Board will host short presentations including programs for McKenzie Valley customers (including rebuilding opportunities), watershed status and investments, the future of Leaburg Canal, wildfire mitigation strategies, and the status of upriver pricing.

All community members are invited, and there will be a general listening session with subject matter experts on hand for a question-and-answer session. Presentations will begin at 6 p.m. For more information, go to [eweb.org/upriver-meeting](http://eweb.org/upriver-meeting).



By Finn J.D. John  
Dawn was just breaking, and Tom McAdams had just barely crawled into bed, when he got the alarm. A 50-foot sailboat was washing ashore near Waldport.

McAdams had been up all night escorting a leaking fishing boat into port after it got caught in a bad storm 20 miles offshore. Now it was the morning of Dec. 13, 1973, and it was his wife Joanne's birthday. He'd planned on snatching four or five hours of sleep and then maybe doing something with Joanne.

Instead, he was sprinting across the street to Newport's U.S. Coast Guard station, jumping a fence, and bounding into his 44-foot rescue lifeboat.

McAdams was a master chief petty officer in the U.S. Coast Guard (and still is, albeit retired; he's now in his 80s). In 1973 he was the commander of the Newport station, and was already probably the most famous enlisted man in Coast Guard history, a title he certainly holds today. By the time he retired in 1977 he had personally rescued hundreds of people, and taught hundreds of other rescuers how it was done.

On this particular morning, though, there wouldn't be much for McAdams to do. He raced out across the Yaquina Bay bar — which was rough, but it takes a lot to stop a 44 from crossing any river bar — and turned south. But by the time he'd gone a mile or so, the station radioed that the yacht had gone up on the beach, out of reach for a rescue boat. Other Coasties, rescue swimmers Greg Albrecht, Lewis Cavina and Bill Masten, were on their way down Highway 101 to the beach; saving the people on the boat would be up to them.

When the rescue swimmers arrived, they found a middle-aged couple struggling feebly in the icy surf in their life jackets, trying to swim to shore. The rescuers quickly got them out of the water and onto dry land.



Money Metals Exchange

### A typical British gold sovereign coin.

The couple's names were Helen and Joe Browning. Both were in their mid-50s. They told their rescuers they'd sold their business in San Diego and bought their \$150,000 sailboat — a two-masted steel-hulled motorsailer that they named, ironically enough in light of future events, the *Que Sera, Sera*. Then, perhaps lulled into a false sense of security by the size of their boat and the perpetually lovely weather in San Diego, they set out on what they hoped would be their new retirement dream life, first sailing around the world and then just tooling around from port to port having adventures. They would start off with a shakedown cruise to Port Orford to visit Helen's sister.

But on the way, they ran head-on into a massive storm system off Gold Beach.

Port Orford was not a good place to try to put into during a storm. So they pressed on under diesel power, hoping to make Coos Bay, as the weather steadily worsened.

Then the engine died and the steering malfunctioned, leaving the couple helpless in the storm.

By now they'd been up for 48 hours straight and were exhausted. So they threw the anchor overboard, waited for it to catch, confirmed that it was holding, and went to bed.

They were awakened by the jolt of the keel of their boat slamming into the sandy ocean bottom, just



off the beach north of Waldport, and this is how they learned that the *Que Sera, Sera*'s anchor was too small. It had slowed their shoreward drift, and kept them heading into the wind rather than rolling in the trough of the sea; but it had been dragging through the sand all night. Now they could see that they were done for. Their boat was going onto the beach; there would be nothing they could do about that. But it would be doing it in slow motion, which would make it very difficult for them to get off safely.

Because it was a sailboat, the *Que Sera, Sera* had a deep keel. A 50-foot motorsailer doesn't draw a lot of water compared with, say, a steam schooner; but it's seven to 10 feet — plenty enough to drown in. Especially in the outer breakers on a stormy day.

The Brownings' nine-foot dinghy had been smashed by the heavy seas. So they got out their emergency life raft and pulled the inflation cord. The raft burst into its full size, the wind grabbed it, and away it soared. McAdams' men later found it several miles away.

So Helen and Joe decided to swim for it in their life jackets. They tied themselves together and jumped in the drink.

Of course, they were likely already plenty cold when they did this; and they weren't going to get any warmer splashing around in the 48-degree water off Waldport. Nor were they able to make much headway through the double set of storm-driven breakers to the shore.

Luckily, rescuers Masten, Cavina and Albrecht arrived at the scene before the couple's hypothermia reached fatal levels.

So the Brownings were whisked to the hospital, and their lives saved by the slimmest of margins. The pounding surf drove the *Que Sera, Sera* higher and higher on the beach until it was stuck on

its side right in the midst of the inner breakers. McAdams filed his reports, congratulated his crew, and figured his work was done.

He figured wrong.

McAdams got a phone call at his home the day after the rescue. It was Joe Browning. He'd traveled to the Coast Guard station at 8 p.m., immediately after his release from the hospital, and asked to speak with McAdams. He'd been so distraught that the Coasties had called up McAdams and put Browning on the line with him.

"Could you help me?" Browning asked.

"Well, what do you need?"

"Well, I don't want to talk over a regular phone. Could you come to the station?"

So McAdams strolled across the street to the Coast Guard station. He found Joe Browning waiting anxiously for him.

"My life savings are in that boat," he said. "I've got a bag of gold and it's hidden in the air duct vent in the main salon."

By "a bag of gold," Browning meant 18 pounds of uncirculated British gold sovereigns. At the time the hoard was worth about \$60,000; at mid-2021 gold prices, that would be well over half a million.

McAdams agreed to do what he could to retrieve it for him.

Over the next few days the Coast Guard crews spent a lot of time on the beach trying to get into the boat. Another storm blew in the next day, tore off both masts, and buried most of the boat in the sand. For a couple days the Coasties visited the wreck site at each low tide; but every time they thought they might be able to get to it, a storm would kick up.

Then the phone rang in the Coast Guard station again, and it was a newspaper reporter — almost certainly from the Newport News-Guard, although McAdams doesn't specify.

"They called me up and said, 'How come your crew is down there almost every night on that boat? What's going on?' I said, 'Well, the fellow's got a restaurant in San Diego and a home there and all his papers, his insurance papers and his mortgages, are all on board the boat.'"

Those papers might have been on board the boat, or they might not, as far as McAdams knew; but he also knew that if the newspapers got wind of a giant hoard of gold buried on that boat, there would be trouble.

"I know they would have people down there with bulldozers and dynamite and everything else and shooting everybody up," McAdams said. "I didn't know how much gold was there, but he said his life savings."

Finally the weather cleared and the tide went out. With the help of

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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



### With a few tips and patience, gardeners can grow melons

Growing melons takes some effort in western Oregon, but with the right methods it can end in sweet success.

With a warmer, drier climate, eastern Oregon is well set up for cultivating melons. Western Oregon isn't as hospitable, but you can accomplish a crop by choosing the right variety and following tips from Heidi Noordijk, metro small farms outreach coordinator for Oregon State University Extension Service.

"Be discerning when you choose a variety," Noordijk said. "Select ones that will ripen in the cooler growing conditions of western Oregon. If you're choosing varieties for the west, you look for melons that require a shorter season – 75-100 days from sowing to harvesting. It's a great disappointment to grow a healthy melon plant and end up in September with inedible fruit."

There are nine different types of melons, Noordijk said, and they vary from the familiar watermelon and cantaloupe to the unusual snake cucumber, which is actually a melon. The melons are categorized into two classifications – full slip or forced slip – depending on how they come off the vine when it's time to harvest. Full-slip melons come off the stem easily when the fruit is ripe. With forced-slip melons, you have to watch other indicators like skin color and scent (see below). The seed packet should say which category your melon is in.

Varieties that have performed



Heidi Noordijk with a melon.

well at the OSU Vegetable Research Farm in Corvallis are: Superstar, Dutchess, Ariel, Earlichamp, Sarah's Choice and Sugar Cube.

For more information, see Melons: Cantaloupe, Muskmelon, Honeydew, Crenshaw, Casaba, etc.

#### Tips for growing melons:

Choose seed of short-season melons, with harvest dates 75 to 100 days after planting.

Put melon patch in full sun in the warmest spot in your garden.

Choose light, well-drained soil. Avoid using plots where you've planted muskmelons, watermelons, pumpkins, squash and cucumbers in the last three years.

Before planting, prepare the soil by digging in some compost and all-purpose fertilizer. When the vines start growing, side dress with a 5-10-15 or 10-15-20 fertilizer (the number on the label shows the percentages of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium).

Plant three seeds per hole directly into the ground when soil reaches at least 65 degrees (you can buy an inexpensive soil thermometer

at garden centers), usually at the end of May or beginning of June. Plant seeds 1/2 to 1 inch deep with rows 6 feet apart. Plant seed 24-36 inches apart. Thin to one plant per mound after plants have sprouted. As an alternative, buy starts from a nursery.

Cover the soil with plastic or straw mulch (not hay, which has seeds). Cut holes and plant seeds.

At planting, cover crop with floating row cover, which are available at garden centers. The covering will keep out seed predators and insect pests. Remove them when plants start to flower because they need bees to pollinate.

Using a drip irrigation system or soaker hoses under the plastic is highly recommended. If you use sprinklers, the plants will have more diseases. Keep the melons watered through summer – about 1 to 2 inches a week or when the soil is dry down the first 4 inches or so -- but not waterlogged. Reduce watering once the fruit begins to mature.

The proper time to harvest melons depends on the specific variety that you are growing, so check the seed packet. Generally speaking, full-slip melons are ripe when they release easily from the stem. With forced-slip melons, smell the skin to determine ripeness. If you can smell the scent of melon through the skin, it's time to harvest. If the scent gets strong, it's overripe. The background color will be more yellow on melons when they are ready to harvest.

## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



### THE DELICIOUS KIWI

The kiwi once was considered exotic and one of those "strange" fruits from far away. However, once I tried the kiwi, I found I really liked it and could use it many ways for meals and snacks.

#### Background of the Kiwifruit

As far as we know, the kiwifruit grew wild in early China, in the Yangtze River valley. The name given it there was "yang-tao" or gooseberry.

Then around 1900, New Zealand missionaries to China brought the yang-tao back to their country. In 1974, the fruit was renamed the "kiwifruit," or as we know it more commonly, the kiwi.

At first it was a rare fruit in stores and not used very much. With growers now producing it in Greece, Italy, France and California, the kiwi has become very plentiful and reasonable in price. Most every supermarket carries it, I've discovered.

#### Kiwi a Healthful Fruit

The kiwi has many health benefits that most people don't realize. It's high in antioxidants, so is looked upon favorably for cancer prevention possibilities. Lower cholesterol, blood clotting reduction, and better heart health are considered a few benefits of

eating this fruit.

Also, kiwi is high in fiber, contains lutein important for eye health, potassium, Vitamin E, and copper. In addition, a whole kiwi contains only about 50 calories, for those who are calorie conscious.

I like to add kiwi to fruit salad, along with a mixture of berries, melon, and banana. Actually, kiwi goes well with whatever fruits are in season and with canned or frozen fruit in the off-season.

Slice the kiwi into "wheels" and use as an edible garnish for various dishes. These also look attractive floating in the punch bowl.

#### KIWI SMOOTHIES

are tasty and nutritious

Blend 1 cup apple juice, 1 (8 oz.) container of fruit yogurt of your choice, 1-2 peeled and chopped kiwi fruit. Blend until smooth. Then add 1 package (10 oz.) frozen unsweetened strawberries (you could substitute other berries) and blend again until smooth.

You can add or substitute other fruit and juice. In other words, add even one kiwi to your favorite smoothie, since kiwi seems to go well with most any fruit.

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(Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH home.)

### Quote of the Week

"Summer is a promissory note signed in June, its long days spent and gone before you know it, and due to be repaid next January."

Hal Borland



### Opening Soon

The O'Brien Memorial Library, also known as the Blue River Library, is opening a temporary library at the Upper McKenzie Community Center at 54745 McKenzie River Drive in Rainbow.

Library volunteers have been very busy putting hundreds of books on the shelves, which have been generously donated. Thank you all!

While we're setting up, you are welcome to come in and look around Wednesdays 1-3 and Fridays 10-12.

We need more volunteers. You don't need to be a librarian, and you get the first look at new books

coming in, and get to see your neighbors again!

We are not ready to check out books until early July, but you can take one of the extra books home, that are on the free table, for now!

We will have a summer toddler and preschool ages children's program and we welcome residents, visitors, and their families. There is no charge and dates and times will be announced.

If you are so inclined, we are continuing to gratefully accept financial donations to provide more programs and services and help rebuild our new library!

We will be getting more shelving so we can accept more books soon, but not right now. We'll let you know when we are ready for them.

Visit our new website at [obrienlibrary.org](http://obrienlibrary.org).

More here later about the full opening of the library in early July. Come for a visit soon!

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

A public meeting of McKenzie Fire & Rescue will be held on June 21, 2021 at 12:00 pm at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as approved by the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at McKenzie Fire & Rescue Headquarters, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or requested electronically by emailing [mckenziefire@mckenziefire.com](mailto:mckenziefire@mckenziefire.com). This budget is for the 2021 / 2022 annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Darren Bucich, Fire Chief Telephone: 541.896.3311 Email: [dbucich@mckenziefire.com](mailto:dbucich@mckenziefire.com)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2019-2020	Adopted Budget This Year 2020-2021	Approved Budget Next Year 2021-2022
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	1,938,019	2,448,441	2,584,843
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	0	0	0
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	102,000	27,000	76,000
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	60,773	438,802	253,720
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	41,800	479,818	486,368
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	1,445,746	1,176,589	1,106,003
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>3,588,338</b>	<b>4,570,650</b>	<b>4,506,934</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	865,357	896,510	982,304
Materials and Services	533,586	593,930	582,347
Capital Outlay	2,118,622	2,631,418	2,678,563
Debt Service	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers	60,773	438,802	253,720
Contingencies	10,000	10,000	10,000
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	0	0	0
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>3,588,338</b>	<b>4,570,660</b>	<b>4,506,934</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program			
FTE for that unit or program			
Fire Life Safety	654,657		
FTE	7	7	7
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING \*

No changes in activities or sources of financing.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2019-2020	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2020-2021	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2021-2022
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 1.6106 per \$1,000)	1.6106	1.6106	1.6106
Local Option Levy	.45	.60	.60
Levy For General Obligation Bonds			

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	None	None
Other Bonds	None	None
Other Borrowings	None	None
<b>Total</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>

## Weed of the Week: Himalayan Blackberry (Rubus armeniacus)



Himalayan blackberry (HBB) is a woody vine-like shrub. The stems have large thorns and often create thick brambles. Flowers are white to pink, and the fruit ripens to delicious blackberries. Left unmanaged, HBB will quickly outcompete other vegetation for resources.

There are various methods for the management of HBB. Some, like hand-pulling or digging and grubbing, allow for the selective removal of the HBB with minimal damage to the surrounding vegetation. Both treatments also allow for the removal of the root wad, killing the plant. These manual methods involving simple tools like pruning shears and a shovel are often an effective way to manage small patches.

Mechanical methods, such as brush-cutters or string-trimmers, are less selective but effective in managing small to moderate-sized patches. They can also be helpful



when the terrain makes removal of HBB extremely difficult. Unless the root wad is removed, the plants will continue to resprout and will require ongoing maintenance. If you are cutting only once a year, do so when the flowers first appear.

For larger, more established

patches, an integrated management approach is typically required. In some cases, Pure Water Partners can assist with the management of the HBB in riparian and other sensitive areas. More information can be found here: [www.purewaterpartners.org](http://www.purewaterpartners.org)

## Community Notes

### June 10 - Wildfire Recovery Information Days



10:00am - 4:00pm @ Information Building, 44643 McKenzie Hwy. The center will be staffed by: Devin Thompson, Fire Restoration Community Coordinator, representing Northwest Youth Corps and Pure Water Partners; Matt McRae, Disaster Recovery Manager, Lane County Emergency Management; White Bird Clinic, providing informal counseling services and emotional support

The third Thursday of each month: Lucy Zammarelli, Lane County Health and Human Services.

When arriving please park in the public wayside and walk over to the historic hatchery buildings.

### June 12 - A Dime At A Time



10:00am - 12:00pm. Leaburg Store, 42840 McKenzie Hwy. Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting - Saturday morning sorting sessions every Saturday. Donations can be dropped off at the Leaburg Store and maybe help us bag up the containers! Funds from plastic, glass, and aluminum containers go toward the rebuilding of the O'Brien Memorial Library in Blue River, McKenzie River Clinic, and the Vida McKenzie Community Center - all destroyed in the Holiday Farm fire.

### June 12 - Leaburg Food Pantry



11:00am - 5:00p. McKenzie Bible Fellowship, 45061 McKenzie Hwy. The Food Pantry is now

on Saturdays. All are welcome! Please send folks!

### June 12 - McKenzie High Graduation



12:00pm - 1:30pm. 51187 Blue River Drive in Finn Rock.

### June 12 - Strawberry Shortcake



12:00pm - 4:00pm. Herrick Farms, 88088 Millican Rd, Waltherville. The Lane County Grange will host a Strawberry Shortcake gathering featuring Vernon's masterpiece strawberry shortcake - plus coffee or punch - for \$5.00.

### June 12 - Upper McKenzie Community Center Annual Meeting



Catch-up on what's been happening at the UMCC building - Improvements, Library, Activities, Ideas for the future, Ice Cream Social for 2021 - setting the date & 501(c)(3) application

Why are we proposing to change our status from a membership organization towards a not-for-profit?

What are the advantages and potential disadvantages of doing this?

Authorize Board to proceed and what that entails

Action steps - Election of Board, Other Business and Q&A

If you have any questions, comments, or would like to add or discuss any agenda items ahead of time, please email [kathijaworski@gmail.com](mailto:kathijaworski@gmail.com)

### Meeting Rescheduled June 15 - EWEB Board



The Eugene Water & Electric Board will meet at the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Training Center. The meeting will be held outside the training center. Topics will include: watershed status and investments, customer programs, including rebuilding opportunities. discussion will center around programs for McKenzie Valley customer recovery specific to the area, wildfire mitigation, McKenzie River generation updates - focusing on the Leaburg Canal and road-mapping future decisions, potential price changes and the status of the upriver Cost of Service Analysis, along with a general question and answer session.

## Comeback

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Congressman Peter DeFazio explained his feelings. He went on to criticize the way the previous administration had impacted the country's mail service, particularly in rural areas, saying it felt like they wanted to, "Take delivery times back to before the Continental Congress."

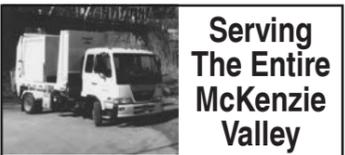
"Rural post offices have been the heart of our communities," according to East Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch.

Buch referred to the new

building as "a bright spot in our community now," adding that, "It shows how we can redevelop here." She pledged to support efforts to "build back stronger and better and make sure this community comes back to life."

In his comments, U.S. Postal Service District Manager William Schwartz noted that, "Along with our postmaster and his staff, we quickly initiated an emergency action plan, ensuring services and delivery for the community.

In fact, we were providing some rural in mailbox delivery the very next day after the fire." He also presented McKenzie Schools Superintendent Lane Tomkins with a plaque in appreciation for Tomkins agreeing to open a temporary post office at the school before the new building was ready.



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52353 McKenzie Hwy - Milepost 42  
Just east of Blue River 541-822-3820  
Sunday: 9:30 am - Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am - Worship Service & Children's Church  
6:00 pm - Bible Studies and Youth  
Thurs. 6 pm - Celebrate Recovery (12-Step Program)

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**St. Benedict Lodge Chapel**  
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## Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

### Gravitational Pull

I am 34, a female adult child of an alcoholic father. He passed away when I was 12. I have three older brothers and an older sister. All four siblings still live at home with my mother, a classic martyr.

I moved out at 18. During the six months it took to save money to move out, my mother would guilt-trip me or verbally abuse me into staying home. These tactics worked on my older siblings, and my older brother is being groomed to continue the dysfunction after my mother passes on.

Once on my own, I worked on myself and emerged as a moderately lucid person. I deal with my family on the usual holidays and birthdays, out of duty. I wrestle with doing the right thing. My mother and I were never close, and I do not expect or want a close relationship with someone who has been so selfish and controlling.

I cannot have meaningful conversations with my siblings because it is like they are in a time warp, and I am the only one who is growing and changing. We have the same guarded surface conversations year after year.

My husband and I recently purchased a home and are planning on having children. We have already talked about how much interaction we will allow our kids to have with my family—which will not be much.

When I told my mother we were buying a house, she asked how many bedrooms. I replied, then out of the blue she said she did not want to go into a home when she

gets older. I knew immediately what she was implying.

But being a people-pleasing child of an alcoholic, I did not immediately respond. I changed the subject. In another conversation, she went on and on about how bad nursing homes are. This time I was more prepared. I said not all homes are bad, and if you check on your family member regularly, it should be okay.

She again said she did not want to be put in a nursing home. I finally said she was not going to stay with me. My husband and I both work, and we will be having children. Then she said she could watch the children.

Nothing in my dealings with my mother implies a closeness that would make her think this would happen. We never got on. We do not hug. We do not say “I love you.” I spend maybe 10 days a year with this person.

She has handicapped my older siblings who have no friends and never formed romantic relationships. This person thinks she is going to live with me, and I am livid.

Since the time I said she will not be staying with me, she continues to say she does not want to go to a home. I thought, since I have been separated from the family unit for so long, the codependency and guilt would go away. It has not.

I need someone else’s insight to give me back my peace of mind. Short of outright saying, “We are not close, I will never live in the same house with you again, and my children will have limited contact with you and my siblings,”

what does one say?

Tinsley

Tinsley, you can’t let a door-to-door salesman talk on and on. If he’s selling something you don’t want, you close the door.

You are looking for a champion to tell you what is blatantly obvious. But because of the way you were raised, you still struggle to claim your right to independence.

Visiting your mother allows her to deceive herself into believing she was a good mother. But she made your siblings perennial children, and that is why they are not able to care for her now. You broke free of her orbit once before. Now she wants to use that success against you.

Mars is a tough environment to live in. There’s no air and the radiation levels are high.

If you live there, you must create a self-sufficient environment, like a bubble or a geodesic dome, in order to survive. In effect, that’s what you did. You created a space where you, your husband, and family could thrive. Now she wants to suck all the oxygen out of your bubble.

It’s time to sever ties with the mother ship.

She wants to wheedle her way into the lifeboat you made for yourself. Enlist your husband’s aid to protect your family from the damaging radiation this woman will expose you to.

It is impossible to live on the red planet without a protective dome. It is equally impossible for you to live on this planet without protection from her.

Wayne & Tamara

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## American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

In many cultural traditions, an encounter with an owl at night is an ominous sign. But here, in a poem by recent Shelley Memorial Award winner, Arthur Sze, (first published in 1982), there is a wonderful transformation from the purple of dusk to the green of dawn that captures a moment of pure optimism in this strange and decidedly magical nocturnal encounter between the poet and an owl.

### The Owl

By Arthur Sze

The path was purple in the dusk. I saw an owl, perched, on a branch.

And when the owl stirred, a fine dust fell from its wings. I was silent then. And felt

the owl quaver. And at dawn, waking, the path was green in the May light.

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## Sheriff’s Report

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51500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**7:20 p.m:** Vehicle Stop- 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**June 6: 12:30 p.m:** Safety Hazard - McK. Hwy. Mp. 15.3.

**1:05 p.m:** Dog At Large - 56200 blk, Delta Dr.

**2:56 p.m:** Alarm - 90100 blk, Marcola Rd.

**3:36 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

**3:58 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller reported seeing his former tenant driving without a license.

**4:28 p.m:** Vandalism, Littering - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**6:06 p.m:** Threat, Harassment - 88900 blk, Easy Ln. Ongoing dispute between neighbors.

**6:55 p.m:** Illegal Burn - 39600 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**7:20 p.m:** Traffic Hazard - Hayden Bridge Rd. & Marcola Rd.

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

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Rd. /McK. Hwy. Brush Fire. Controlled Burn piles.

**20:02:** 38000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Illegal Burning. Investigate.

**21:01:** 46000 blk, McK. Hwy. Illegal Burning. Fire Extinguished prior to arrival.

**21:25:** Camp Creek Rd./McK. Hwy. Subject Down. Investigate, scene turned over to LCSO.

**22:46:** McK. Hwy. Mp. 27. Motor Vehicle Accident - Non-Injury/Non-Blocking

**June 5: 7:05:** 35000 blk, Camp Creek Rd Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

**12:05:** 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lifting Assistance Provided.

**20:22:** 48000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**June 6: 14:31:** 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**15:03:** 46000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Pt, Refusal.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting the Monday; June 21<sup>st</sup>, at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy.

## State Police Report

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embankment, at which point the trailer flipped while disconnecting from the pickup. No injuries were reported. The driver requested a non-preference tow, and T&M Towing indicated they would recover the trailer in the morning. Involved: black Ford F 350, 24-year-old male from Albermarle, NC.

## 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 - 5,000, Blue River - 1,000, and Leaburg Lake - 1,050.

### Fish Counts

**June 1, Willamette Falls**  
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# Too late

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the Newport Fire Department's metal cutting saw and dredging pump, they cut a hole in the salon, blasted out the sand, and managed to get in far enough to reach Browning's life savings.

McAdams took the gold back and stuck it in his safe. Then he sent a message in to his district commanders, came clean to the newspaper people about the "restaurant papers," and called Browning to come pick up his gold. "I'll be up in a few days and get it," Browning told him.

The next day, though, McAdams got a message from the State Department: "Do not give gold back until release."

McAdams figured they were checking Browning out, making sure he wasn't a bank robber on the lam. He had, after all, been preparing to leave the country with the money.

Sure enough, just after New Year's Day, the State Department notified him the gold could be returned to its owner.

"And by God the next day the owner showed up," McAdams recalled. "We went to the bank. He paid for the deposit box that we had there. We broke it out. 'Here's all your coins,' I said."

Browning gratefully collected his treasure, signed the receipt, gave McAdams \$200 to treat his crew as a thank-you, and hit the road.

Just in time, apparently. "The next day I got a message from the state department saying, 'My message so-and-so canceled. Do not, do not give gold back,'" McAdams said.

McAdams replied instantly that it was too late, the gold was gone; and within an hour or so of sending the message, an FBI agent called on the phone from the Bureau's Salem office.

"I'll be down in an hour," the



U.S. Coast Guard Master Chief Thomas McAdams stands near the steering station of a 44-foot motor lifeboat with his trademark cigar.

agent said — and he was, too. He covered the 82 miles, which Google Maps estimates takes 93 minutes to travel, in just over an hour, so he must have been flying. McAdams gave him all the receipts and things, and he took them back to Salem.

That was the last McAdams ever heard about it.

So, what was the deal? Was there something sinister about the half-million-dollar bag of gold?

Almost certainly not. For a retired couple embarking on a sailing voyage around the world, deciding to carry all their money as hard British currency may not have been a good idea, but it was certainly an understandable one. Likely the FBI just wanted to check things out, and was late getting its request in to the state department.

But one still has to wonder... (Sources: *BMCM Tom McAdams Interview, an oral-history interview recorded on Feb. 13, 2004 by Foundation for Coast Guard History, accessed via Clive Lawford's 44-foot Motor Lifeboats page at 44mlb.com; archives of Portland Oregonian, Dec. 14-16, 1973*)

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