In a report distributed last week, the Oregon Department of Transportation has come up with proposals to address a half-dozen problem areas along the McKenzie Hwy. Those sites - from Waltersville to Leaburg - were developed as a result of input from a public meeting, as well as online and other submissions.

The first stretches from Milepoint 129 to 13.15. It includes the Waltersville Canal Bridge and the Page Lane intersection. Between 2016 and 2020, there were eleven reported crashes in that area. Three resulted in a fatality or serious injury. According to ODOT, the narrow Waltersville Canal Bridge and its raised sidewalk, creates a higher risk of fixed object and head-on crashes. Potential solutions could include widening shoulders and installing shoulder or centerline rumble strips. Another upgrade might involve installing high-visibility striping.

Widening would be very expensive and likely couldn’t be implemented within the next five years, according to the report. Segment 2, at the Leaburg Dam Spillway, covers the roadway from Milepoint 19.15 to 19.40. The Safety issue is related to seven reported crashes that occurred between 2016 and 2020. Two involved a fatality or serious injury. Curves in the highway make it difficult for drivers to see oncoming traffic.

As OWEB’s electric operations manager, Nice said his department’s research and development efforts will focus on technologies and equipment that can provide the benefits of powerline vent exhaust gases. Instead, he said, the settings were “quickly” added Tyler Nice. The issue there is related to fire danger which is now in full effect in July and continued until the fire danger level dropped in the fall. As a result, the agency is focusing on finding the “right settings” and “pretty quickly is that red flag warnings can be quick, and short-lived, and pretty cumbersome to respond to.”

The public is being asked to continue to submit recommendations for improving travel safety along Highway 126. For more information, contact the McKenzie River Trust office at (541) 345-2799 or email info@mckenzieriver.org.

FINN ROCK: Phase II of the Floodplain Enhancement Project in the Finn Rock Reach is now underway. It is designed to enhance habitat conditions across more than 80 acres adjacent to the McKenzie River by restoring historic floodplain connections between the main stem stream and Elk Creek. The new project adds to Phase I work completed in 2021 that reconnected more than 50 acres of floodplain.

Beginning around Thursday, contractors will temporarily reroute a section of Elk Creek into a diversion channel. That bypass moves water away from the new work zone and returns it to the Phase I project area. According to the McKenzie River Trust, Phase II project activities, including the diversion, are planned to continue until no later than August 30th.

Project managers expect that the initial diversion may cause some short-term turbidity in the McKenzie River, immediately downstream from the project area - located near river mile 56. Minimal turbidity impacts were seen during Phase I implementation in 2021 and project managers say people can expect to see similar impacts this year.

Under a grant program administered by the Eugene Water & Electric Board, eligible landowners may qualify for up to $35,000 for septic system upgrades or repairs. People do not need to be an EWEB customer to receive a grant because the utility is administering the program for the entire fire-affected area. Applicants must be the current owner of a property located within the Holiday Farm Fire perimeter and that sustained structural damage or destruction. The property owner must do the work, and the county or state, federal, or utility programs is also required.

In addition, any changes in ownership that may have occurred after the Holiday Farm Fire may impact landowner eligibility.

For homeowners who have entered into loan agreements with EWEB’s 0% Septic Infrastructure Loan Program, grant funding will first apply to any outstanding balance. The approved grant funding exceeds the loan payoff amount, so EWEB will issue a check for the remainder.

For more information, contact EWEB at 541-685-7318 or misty.merriam@eweb.org.

The grants are made possible by federal funding issued through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). To leverage this funding, EWEB has partnered with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Lane County, and other agencies to replace or repair septic systems for homeowners affected by the Holiday Farm Fire.
Prepped for fire season

The tan areas on this preliminary map sections of the Eugene Water & Electric Board’s service territory where electric lines and equipment are in terrain with a higher potential for wildfire. The tan areas on this preliminary map mark sections of the Eugene Water & Electric Board’s service territory vulnerable during outages. Some vulnerabilities could include ignition of nearby vegetation. 

Parisi also reported that EWEB is looking into customers’ needs who could be especially vulnerable during outages. Some considerations could include people who need power for medical devices ranging from CPAP machines or heart monitors to ventilators or motorized wheelchairs. “We’re trying to create an opt-in program so folks can let us know they have special needs,” she said.

Other services might include arranging transportation, help in evacuating or developing safety plans, as well as setting up welfare checks for people who opt out of leaving their homes. While those needs are beyond the scope of the utility’s traditional role, she said arrangements could be made with the utility’s interagency partners “to make sure folks are safe.”

**Weather Report**

**Friday 7/21**
- McKenzie Valley: Sunny, 0% chance precip. Hi 84°, Lo 51°.
- Santiam Pass: Sunny, 0% chance precip. Hi 80°, Lo 49°.

**Saturday 7/22**
- McKenzie Valley: Sunny, 0% chance precip. Hi 88°, Lo 54°.
- Santiam Pass: Sunny, 0% chance precip. Hi 88°, Lo 54°.

**Sunday 7/23**
- McKenzie Valley: Sunny, 0% chance precip. Hi 97°, Lo 52°.
- Santiam Pass: Sunny, 0% chance precip. Hi 83°, Lo 46°.

**WEATHER REPORT**

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July 8: 8:13 p.m: Harassment - 9200 block, Carson St. A caller reports that tenants yell at the caller whenever the caller is outside.
11:52 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 36600 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Verbal dispute between husband and wife.

July 9: 12:38 a.m: Strangulation - 37200 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. Physical domestic dispute. Male arrested for pulling hands around victim’s throat and strangling her.
11:30 a.m: Vicious Dog - 38100 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller reports the black Lab attacking the caller’s dog.
3:30 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - Bridge St. & Holden Creek Ln. Caller found a bone, believing it to be a leg bone. It was determined to be non-human.

July 10: 8:32 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - Lat: 44.131. Long: -122.49805. A caller saw some skeletal remains in a log jam on Blue River. It was determined to be non-human.
4:26 p.m: Speeding Motorcycle - Horse Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy. 8:27 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle - 8200 blk, Thurston Rd.
9:24 p.m: Assist, Information - 90700 blk, McK. Hwy., & Cana Ln.

July 11: 10:00 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 41800 blk, McK. Hwy. & Canal Ln. Caller reports that tenants yell at the caller whenever the caller is outside.
1:50 p.m: Harassment - 91800 blk, Blue River Reservoir Rd. Verbal dispute between parties unknown to each other. Occurred near the rope swing on Blue River Reservoir.
2:05 p.m: Stalking Order Service - 8000 blk, McK. Hwy.
2:50 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.
8:16 p.m: Recover Stolen Vehicle - Lat: 44.264608. Long: -122.790514.
10:04 a.m: Civil Enforcement - 91100 blk, Hill Rd.
11:06 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 91100 blk, Hill Rd. Verbal dispute related to civil court paperwork.
11:49 a.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 90200 blk, Hill Rd.
1:56 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 9100 blk, Hill Rd.
1:30 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Deerhorn Rd. & bridge St. Deputies checked on an unoccupied vehicle at the location.
3:19 p.m: Stalking Order Service - 89700 blk, Johnson Creek Rd.
3:35 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 39200 blk, Marcola Rd.
4:23 p.m: mental subject - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. A caller reported losing a large sum of money in an online scam.
5:18 p.m: Unlawful Entry

July 12: 12:14 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 37500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.
7:31 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - 40100 blk, Mohawk River Rd.
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2:21 p.m: Lockout - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.
2:40 p.m: Civil Service - 90300 blk, Sunderman Rd.
3:03 p.m: Subpoena Service - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
3:06 p.m: Theft - Terwilliger Hot Springs.
3:06 p.m: Civil Service - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
4:37 p.m: Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. & Holden Creek Ln.
4:53 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Marcola Rd.

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Doc smiled and felt really good inside when he heard the familiar bird song.

“Hey there, Wheezer,” he said, “happy nesting!”

For some reason, this mourning dove found Doc’s back yard every spring, and Doc thinks that’s just all right. If wheezer didn’t have that distinctive voice, Doc would never know if this bird favored his yard or was just another bird looking for a home.

Let’s face it, wheezer looks just like every other dove in town.

But he was back and flitting with a good-looking lady dove up on the branches of the locust tree. Doc always wondered whether doves mate for life, and this was the same Mrs. Wheez he sees every year, or wheezer had to court a new lassie each spring.

“I’ll have to look it up,” Doc said, knowing that he wouldn’t.

But he did go over to the concrete block wall and clean out the crud from the hollow in the top block by the gate. Doc had put dirt in it years ago, and even spring, the wheezer family hauled in for some grass and made a place to raise their family.

And each spring, as Mrs. W. sat on her eggs, it would take Doc a few days before she would tolerate him coming and going through the gate. This was the dove family he saw. She had just right up to maybe a foot from the ugly little baby birds each spring, and he was careful never to move quickly or make a noise. That was his contribution, you see, to the putting together of the “Doves in the Valley” story.

Wonder how long doves live? Doc thought. Wonder how long old Wheez or Wheezer will last? I’ll have to look it up. No he won’t.

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By Kym Pokorny

Reality: You can get skippy when there are so many sources of information - books, magazines, newspapers, or online, and most of all, the internet and social media open up lots of room for contradiction. So, how do you find the right answer to gardening questions?

Experts from Oregon State University Extension service stepped up to bust some common gardening myths. Read on to get some research-based answers to 10 common misconceptions.

For additional questions, call the OSU Extension master gardeners in your area or submit a question to Ask Extension, an online question-and-answer service. Providing a photo is important.

MYTH: Lime will remove moss from your lawn.

REALITY: Lime will not fix the problem. Moss prefers to grow in wet, shady conditions. Lawns with moss need more sunlight, i.e. tree shade too much light and thinning trees. If you like the trees the way they are, you will continue to have moss and you should think about shade-tolerant alternatives to grass. Moss also grows well in fertile soils, which includes acidic (low pH) soils, but more importantly, it also includes nitrogen-deficient soils. Lawns, like a lot of cultivated plants, prefer nitrogen-rich soils. Regular fertilizer applications (four applications per year, two in the fall and two in the spring) with products containing nitrogen, combined with improved sunlight will result in a green, dense lawn that can out-compété moss. – Alec Kowalewski, OSU Extension turf specialist.

MYTH: Ponderosa pine needles make the soil more acidic (low pH).

REALITY: The notion that pine needles change the soil pH so that nothing will grow or that it will damage plants has been out there for years. The truth is pine needles do not make the soil more acidic. It is true that pine needles have a pH of 3.2 to 3.8 (neutral is 7.0) when they drop from a tree. If you were to take the freshly fallen needles (before the needles decompose) and turn them into the soil right away, you may see a slight drop in the pH, but the changing of the needles will not be damaging to the plants.

For those that leave the needles on the ground, they will begin to break down naturally and the microbes (decomposers) in the soil will neutralize them. So, you can leave them there (if you’re not in a wildlife-prone area). They are a good mulching material that will help keep the moisture in suppress weeds, and eventually add nutrients back to the soil. You can also add them to a compost pile; they will slowly break down over time. If you run them through a shredder, they will break down faster. A general rule of thumb is not to add more than 10% of pine needles to your compost pile. – Brooke Edmunds, OSU Extension horticulturist.

MYTH: Bee houses help promote and conserve bee diversity.

REALITY: Although some bee species nest in the cavities provided by bee houses, most bee species nest in the ground. Research out of Canada shows that most cavities in bee houses are colonized by native wasps (that help control pests), and not native bees. So, bee houses still do good, but not necessarily for the bees we might think. – Gail Langellotto, entomologist and professor in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

MYTH: Moss leaves need weekly sprays of fertilizer.

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**Community Notes**

**July 20**

McKenzie Chamber

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce meets every third Thursday of the month via Zoom from 10 to 11 a.m. To sign up for a link to the meeting, contact: info@mckenziechamber.com

**Leabur Food Pantry**

Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 3 - 6 p.m. Behind the McKenzie Bible Fellowship Church, 4509 S 8th Ave.

**July 22**

Craft & Vendor Fair

A Craft and Vendor Fair will be offered at Leaburg Food Pantry from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the McKenzie River Clinic, 54771 McK Hwy.

**Rainbow**

It’s time to consider a selection of drafters, local crafts, and unique treasures to brighten up your summer.

**July 22**

**Dine At A Time**

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store.

**July 22**

Living River Day

The Living River Day Celebration is from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene. Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk around the Willamette and the McKenzie River meets. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds.

**July 24**

Splif School Board

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

**July 24**

Board of Commissioners

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**July 25**

Family Story Time

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Fellowship Church, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

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**July 27**

Watershed Wednesday

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**July 29**

McK River Food Pantry

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2nd & 4th Friday, at the McGregor Christian Church, 4509 S 8th Ave, Eugene,The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

**July 30**

Benefit Concert

The Joey McGee Benefit Concert for the Vida McKenzie Community Center’s will be held at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, 88393 Waterville Loop, starting at 7 p.m. Featuring music by Joey McGee, visiting singer, songwriter/guitarist from Texas, and others. Light refreshments will be served.

**July 31**

Summer Camp

The McKenzie River Community School Summer Camp will be held from Monday, July 31st - Thursday, Aug 3rd for incoming 1st-4th grade. The camp will be on the school campus.

**August 1**

Family Story Time

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Coffee With Locals

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**August 2**

Blue River Water Board

The board will meet at 6 p.m. A link to the meeting is available at: blueriverwater.com

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**August 3**

Story Time

Story Time is back, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Leaburg General Store, 91837 Taylor Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Join the McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning to help care for this special area where the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers meet. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/ tree establishment.

**August 4**

First Friday at Finn Rock Reach

From 10 to 11 a.m. at Finn Rock Reach from March through September. Join the Friends of Finn Rock Reach from March through September. Join the Friends of Finn Rock Reach from March through September. Enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and fun for the Finn Rock Landing area. Projects include tackling invasive species, planting trees and helping to care for the public Finn Rock boat landing, keeping it free and open to the public by McKenzie River Trust. Project sites vary between the Boat Landing and other nearby conservation sites so pre-registration is required. We’ll send out details for each project the Tuesday ahead of each event.

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**August 5**

Dime At A Time

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**August 5**

Ice Cream Social

The upper McKenzie Community Center will hold its Annual Ice Cream Social from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Dr. This year a community challenge has been to raise your favorite cobbler share to win the best prize. Special guest judge Steve Severin will be tasting cobblers and choosing a winner. Prices: $2 for a single scoop and $5 for a double. The usual BBQ is switching to a cobbler contest.

**August 7**

Summer Camp

The McKenzie River Community Summer Camp will be held for incoming 5th-8th grade. The camp will be on the school campus.

**August 8**

Board of Commissioners

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

**August 8**

Tiny Dental Van

The Tiny Dental Van, sponsored by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program, will be at the Orchard McKenzie River Clinic every Tuesday of the month in Rainbow from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm for dental screening, oral health education, teeth cleaning, charting, and X-rays. Call 360-449-9500 or 800-580-0000 to schedule appointments or to learn more.

**August 9**

McK. Tourism Committee

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee meets via Zoom every Second Tuesday of every month from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Please join us even if you are not a Chamber member. The committee strives to strengthen the support of McKenzie River Valley residents interested in improving tourism and the economic vitality of the entire McKenzie River Valley. Email the Tourism Chair to get on the meeting email list: Treasurer@McKenzieChamber.com

Click here and stay in touch with events online McKenzie Community Events
### Long Odds

I don’t drive and have health problems. I hate to admit it and run under the radar; it is a private affair. She is one of my closest friends, so I rely on her. She will give her sufficient money for the time, and she has helped me out in many situations.

There have been two times in a row where she has blown me off. Both times she was to take me to a doctor appointment. The first time she did not call me in advance as she always did, so I called her. She said, “I can’t talk. I’m running over the door.” She hung up before I got to say a word. She called me back at midnight and said she was really sorry, she forgot.

I thought she probably did and went on with my business, though she did call me a few times. But these were, as I am because of her and she is in a jam because of it. Last week, I had a very important doctor’s appointment. I called her well in advance, and she confirmed it twice during the week. But the time came when she was supposed to call and pick me up, and she never called.

So I called her. There was no answer. Today she basically blamed me for all the things she was saying. “I was home sitting around waiting for your call. I don’t understand why you didn’t call.”

The long and short of it is I don’t know if I am being naive, or is this just two strange coincidences? I don’t want to accuse her of anything, but assessing the situation, I wonder if she doesn’t want to do it and won’t tell me directly. That would not offend me. I would make other arrangements. What do you think?

Zeta, some years ago, two basketball teams from the state of Ohio were contending for the national championship. The fans from Ohio State thought their team was better than the University of Cincinnati, and they were shocked when the other school won the national basketball title. For a year, the Ohio State fans claimed it was a fluke that Cincinnati won. But guess what? The next year, the University of Cincinnati won again. That inspired some Cincinnati fans to rent a billboard near the Ohio State campus and put on the billboard, “Well, what do you know? Two flukes in a row!”

Why would you expect up-front behavior from someone working under the table? It’s time to make other arrangements. Two flukes in a row is a message.

### Conviction

If a woman has not found her soul mate by age 30, she is as good as any man, and she can marry. They find a good, nice, gentle girl like I once was and begin to act on it. Women are supposed to be so grateful and want more than the usual marriage.

Men have it easier. Men’s idea of marriage is to have someone to abuse. They find a sweet, nice, gentle girl like I was and begin to act on it. We will not have the usual marriage.

### Wayne

Yvette, Tennyson wrote, “How dull it is to pause, to make an end, to rust unburnished, not to shine in usual entertainment. The aim of life, he believed, is to “stir, to seek, to find, and not to yield.”

People find, the good things in life don’t happen until later. Our local newspaper publishes the age of people applying for marriage licenses. In today’s paper, over 60 percent of both the men and the women are over 30.

Most of our problems come from the six inches between our ears. Once you believe something is true, it is true. For you. Paradoxically, we cannot change until we believe we can, and once we believe it, we cannot, no longer need the belief.

Tamar Wayne & Tamar are the authors of The Young Woman’s Guide to Older Men, The Friendship Solution: How to Be a Great Companions in a Nativity—available from Amazon, Apple, and bookstores everywhere.

### The Poetry Foundation is now providing a Poem of the Day.

The Usual Entertainment

By Jaswinder Bolina

Little lost and gentle soul, for marriage, get ready now to go down into colourless, arduous and bare places you will never have to call anyone glittering here in the sticky of the cheap seats?

Source: Poetry (July/August 2023)

Born in Chicago, poet Jaswinder Bolina earned BA in philosophy from Loyola University in Chicago, an MFA in creative writing from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a PhD in English with a creative writing concentration from Ohio State University. He is the author of the chapbook The Tallest Building in America (2014) and the poetry collections English as a Second Language (2005), The 44th of July (2019), Carrier Wave (2007), winner of the Colorado Poetry Prize for The Book of Awe, and Phantom Camera (2013), winner of the Green Rose Prize in Poetry from New Issues Press (2012). Bolina is an accomplished work in an international edition by Huecchi Indonesia.

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ACROSS
1. More down in the dumps
6. Will Ferrell’s 2003 Christmas character
9. Century Gothic, e.g.
13. Twisted cotton thread
14. Greek “t”
15. Biblical mount
16. Dessert sandwiches
17. Barley bristle
18. Pungent edible bulb
19. “Shared ride”
21. “Yellow Brick Road” traveler
23. Member of the Benevolent Order
24. Sword handle
25. The little one “stops to tie his shoe”
28. A “kiddler”
30. “Gas station option”
33. Fine-toothed metal cutter
35. Thailand money
39. Fill with happy spirit
40. Bora bora
41. Vexed
43. Uncontrolled swerve
44. Middle Eastern V.I.P.s
48. Hooray!
50. Speaking platform
52. Campfire residue
53. What sailors are to captain
55. Lawyers’ org.
57. Jack of “On the Road” fame
61. “Refreshment break
65. Live sign for radio, 2 words
66. Shakespearean “talis”
68. Bar order, with “the”
70. Ownership document
71. Mitt Romney’s title, abbr.
72. Christmas Eve visitor
73. “Merry” work, e.g.
74. “Certain number of cylinders

DOWN
1. Cold War’s Warsaw Pact, e.g.
2. Turkish money
3. One on drugs
4. Run off to Vegas?
5. Sold on eBay, usually
6. Short for “and elsewhere”
7. Hummarabi’s code, e.g.
8. Plural of funda
9. Porto, Italy
10. Got this!
11. Sodium hydroxide
12. Two of “A Christmas Carol”
13. Tangled cotton thread
14. Greek “t”
15. Biblical mount
16. Dessert sandwiches
17. Barley bristle
18. Pungent edible bulb
19. “Shared ride”
21. “Yellow Brick Road” traveler
23. Member of the Benevolent Order
24. Fine-toothed metal cutter
25. Famous road from Beatles
26. Actress Watts
27. Minute parasile
28. “Sparse one
29. “If all ____ fails”
30. Sarpa ____, coral reef fish
31. Injun—he, abbr.
32. Sarpa ____, coral reef fish
33. Tiny parasites
34. Olden day phlebotomy instrument
35. Waterproof canvas
36. Clinging to life
37. Clinging to life
38. Clothing line
39. Fill with happy spirit
40. Bora bora
41. Vexed
42. U.S.A’s most populous city
43. Close the fastener, e.g.
44. Epicharis
45. Between 90 and 180 degrees
46. E-wallet’s content
47. “The Odyssey,” e.g.
48. “Hooray!”

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July 20 - When Highway 101 was built along the Oregon coast there were several places where the roadbed was cut through mounds of shells that were 30 feet deep and ranged in size up to 20 acres. It is believed that Native People built the mounds of, what to them, was nothing but garbage. In addition to sea shells, excavations have revealed the bones of game animals and dogs, tools, mortars, pestles, arrows, spear points, smoking pipes and bits and pieces of pottery. It is estimated, based upon the size of the villages located nearby, that it took up to three thousand years to build the mounds.

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Mon Jun 19
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Summer Reading Program

Wed Jul 5th 8:00am - Mon Aug 1st 10:00am
FREE Breakfast and Lunch for kids

Wed Jul 5th 8:00am - Mon Aug 1st 10:00am
FREE Breakfast and Lunch for kids

Thu Jul 20th
11:00am - Sat Dec 16th 12:00pm

STORY TIME

Thu Jul 20th
10:00am - 11:00am
McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

Thu Jul 20th
10:00am - 11:00am
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Fri Jul 21st 8:30am - 10:00am
One-In Movies at Sobieski

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Sat Jul 22nd 8:00am - 4:00pm
Living River Exploration Day

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber

7/20/2023

Rick Steber Media

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Personal experience with wildfire increases engagement in disaster preparedness

By Molly Rosbach, OSU

Residents who experienced direct harm from Oregon’s 2020 wildfires were more likely to take steps to mitigate their fire risk in the future, an Oregon State University study found.

They’re also more apt to participate in community-helping activities like donating to and volunteering with emergency response groups after wildfires.

Disaster preparedness actions for wildfire risk may include preparing an evacuation plan, replanting flammable building materials, assembling an evacuation kit, improving air filtration, and removing vegetation near the home, among others.

The OSU study provides a more comprehensive examination of people’s experience with wildfire than prior disaster research, the authors say, because it asked about both mitigation and community-based responses. Researchers also asked detailed questions about the harm caused by the 2020 wildfires to participants directly, to their property, to their mental and physical health, to their finances, to wildfires to participants directly, to community-helping behavior.

Research about both mitigation and community-helping behavior includes pre-2020 wildfire research. Co-author Hilary Bonden, an associate professor of sociology at OSU who researches the links between extreme weather events, climate policy, and social mobilization around disaster response, said the results were based on survey responses from people who lived in rural and urban areas across Oregon at the time of the September 2020 wildfires.

Predictably, people who experienced more severe harm from the 2020 wildfires were more likely to be proactive with future wildfire preparedness actions than those who were less affected, but several other factors also influenced individual responses. Women, people in rural areas, and people with members of vulnerable groups in their households were all more likely to engage in more preparedness actions.

Researchers found that people who reported more concern about climate change after the fires were 1.5 times more likely to take at least three wildfire preparedness actions, compared with people whose concern about climate change stayed the same or declined after the fires.

More information also translated into more action. People who sought out safety information about the 2020 wildfires from official city, county, and state websites were 1.7 times more likely to take three or more disaster preparedness actions.

Several of these factors were also associated with a higher likelihood of people donating and volunteering to help their community, including the severity of harm experienced and concern about climate change. Demographically, households with mirrors were more likely to engage in community-helping behaviors.

“We call this ‘altruism born of suffering,’ where people who experience harm have a sense of relatedness, of connectedness, with people experiencing similar things, so their likelihood of community-helping behavior increases,” said Usman Siddiqi, lead author of the study and a doctoral student in OSU’s School of Public Policy.

Researchers offered policy recommendations based on their findings, focused on how local and state governments can motivate residents to be more proactive. The researchers suggest providing more platforms for local residents to interact with each other, so they can engage in policy discussion and talk among themselves about what mitigation measures they’re taking.

They also suggested that media campaigns should capitalize on the power of “descriptive norms” by highlighting what ordinary people are doing in their daily lives to protect their own homes.

“When people are talking with other people, they are more likely to take action,” Siddiqi said. Policymakers should also engage with community gatherings to help residents connect their lived experiences with climate change and the need for more action, he said.

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Trout Stocking Schedule: Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8” to 10” hatchery fish this week were: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam – 833, McKenzie River below Leaburg Dam – 2,000, Leaburg Lake – 1,000, and Clear Lake – 3,000.

Fish Counts:

July 14, Willamette Falls
Spring Chinook – 22,308
Summer Steelhead – 904

July 17, Willamette Falls – 2,092
Spring Chinook – 38
Summer Steelhead – 190

July 14, Willamette Falls – 3,000
Spring Chinook – 22,608
Summer Steelhead – 904

Quote of the Week

“By the time you’re 80 years old you’ve learned everything. You only have to remember it.”

George Burns

“Mighty men move the world, while ordinary men are simply moved by it.”

Henry Ford

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New Emergency Alert system for Lane County residents – sign up now!

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Who should sign up for Lane Alerts?
- Everyone living or working in Lane County should sign up for Lane Alerts.
- Should everyone in my household have their own Lane Alerts profile?
  - Yes. If multiple household members need to be notified, each person should have their own profile.
- Will I still get emergency notifications if I don’t sign up?
  - There are multiple types of emergency alerts. Some do not require residents to sign up, including landline phone calls or alerts that appear on television screens.

Learn more about the different types of emergency alerts by watching a short video.

Lane Alerts partner agencies include Lane County Emergency Management, Lane County Sheriff’s Office, and Central Lane Communications Center. The system is powered by the State of Oregon’s OR-Alert program and Everbridge. Learn more about OR-Alert at www.oralert.gov.

More U.S. meteorites

The Willamette Meteorite as it appears today, on display at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

Gentle Aghion / Wikimedia

Lane County residents — sign up now!

Lane Alerts is a government-funded geological survey. He’s coming home to face some serious music, as he’s overspent his budget and will be expected to make up the shortfall from his personal resources. And he doesn’t have enough personal resources to cover the bill.

The trip home for Evans isn’t “around the horn”; his ship stops at the Isthmus of Panama, and the passengers disembark and take a short overland journey to the other side of the second leg of their voyage. Along the route, Evans comes across a vendor selling pieces of a pallasite meteorite, the Imilac Meteorite, discovered about 30 years earlier in the Atacama Desert in Chile. Pallasite is the most valuable kind of meteorite. Pallasite is the substance that forms right at the borderline between the nickel-iron core and the rocky mantle of a small planet or large asteroid. When a meteor strike or whatever, the chunks that result can be rock, metals or pallasite — and pallasite is by far the rarest of the three, rarer than that heavenly body apart. A very large pallasite meteorite would be worth huge money, Evans knew.

So he buys this little three-quarter-pound chunk of Imilac Meteorite and spends the rest of his journey concocting a story about it: how he found a huge 11-ton meteorite half buried in the side of a hill he called “Bald Mountain” about 40 miles inland from Port Oregon; how he cut the species of bacon he looked interested, and only later learned it was a million-dollar visitor from space; and how he would really like the government to finance a return trip so that he could go and find it and retrieve it for posterity.

All of which is well on its way to working when the Civil War breaks out, and suddenly the government is no longer very interested in rock collecting.

So, is that what happened? Yeah, probably. But we’ll never know, because Evans died of pneumonia the day after the war started.

Alchemy, there are vain weird stories out there that hint at the possibility that the Port Oregon Meteorite may have been a real item. Most notably, a nickel miner named Bob Harrison in 1937 claimed the meteorite was on his claim, and that the nickel he believed mining was from the strike — chunks that had broken off the pallasite in an airstrike. Harrison, though, disappeared from view after making this claim, and nobody knows what happened to him. So, yeah. The Port Oregon Meteorite is a magnificent anorthosite hooligan — or maybe that’s just who whatever found it wants you to think! Either way, it’s a deliciously fun South Coast legend.

5:48 a.m.: Emergency Message - 41400 blk, Deerhorn Rd.
2:43 p.m.: Restraining Order Service - 36600 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
2:46 p.m.: Mental Subject - 92200 blk, Carson St.
3:03 p.m.: Restraining Order Service - 92200 blk, Murdoch St.
4:05 p.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
5:44 p.m.: Vehicle Stop - Leaburg Dr. & Mck. Hwy.
6:07 p.m.: Vehicle Stop - Mck. Hwy.
7:14 p.m.: Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, Mck. Hwy.
9:45 p.m.: Motor Vehicle Accident - Duii - 87600 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.
July 15: 2:56 p.m.: Dead Animal – 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.
3:27 p.m.: Assist Outside Agency - Tonolish Falls
10:02 p.m.: Unknown Problem - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.
July 16: 12:05 a.m.: Welfare Check - 53000 blk, Mck. Hwy.
10:54 p.m.: Animal - 46200 blk, Goodpasture Rd.
11:59 a.m.: Shots Fired - 87600 blk, Crooked Creek Rd.
4:31 p.m.: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 92200 blk, Mck. Hwy.
5:33 p.m.: Restraining Order Service - 92200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
10:52 p.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - 38400 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
July 17: 11:28 a.m.: Suspicious Conditions - Shortgun Creek Rd. & Crooked Creek Rd.
2:44 p.m.: Theft From Vehicle - 90300 blk, Shadows Dr.
2:23 p.m.: Assist, Follow Up - McGowan quarry
July 20: 10:39 a.m.: Resident, DUII - 92600 blk, Mck. Hwy.
5:40 p.m.: Tree Down - 41500 blk, Mck. Hwy.

Comments as reported may not be complete or accurate. If further information is required contact the Lane County Sheriff’s Office.
ODOT expands road use charge program
For electric or fuel-efficient vehicles with a 40 mpg rating

The Oregon Department of Transportation continues to expand its road usage charge program, OReGO, by offering consumers a new commercial account manager option, Ferrovial’s NextMove by Cintra. Nearly 900 drivers participate in OReGO, the nation’s first road usage charge program, where participants pay a per-mile fee based on the miles they drive and can receive credit for the fuel taxes they pay. ODOT’s new partner, NextMove by Cintra will collect and report the mileage driven by participants and remit payments to the state. Drivers of passenger vehicles with a rating greater than 20 mpg are eligible to join OReGO at any time. Drivers of electric or fuel-efficient vehicles with a rating of 40 mpg or greater can save on their registration fees when they enroll in OReGO.

ODOT is also working with NextMove on a second program to create a Connected Vehicle Ecosystem to support Oregon’s Intelligent Transportation System and further develop the OReGO program. NextMove will perform the planning, development, implementation, operation, and maintenance of the Connected Vehicle Ecosystem.

The Connected Vehicle Ecosystem will enable communication between vehicles and transportation infrastructure, such as traffic signals and roadside units. For OReGO, the Connected Vehicle Ecosystem will allow some participants to report their miles without using an onboard device. This will make for a more streamlined transition from the fuel tax to a road usage charge in the future. For Oregon’s Intelligent Transportation System, the Connected Vehicle Ecosystem can improve safety and mobility by providing information to drivers through their vehicles, such as warnings about slowing traffic or poor weather conditions up ahead.

For the awarded ODOT projects, NextMove is partnering with ClearRoad on OReGO; and Rekor, Gannett Fleming and ClearRoad on the Connected Vehicle Ecosystem project.

Gardening Tips
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the root collar will sink below the soil. – Neil Bell, OSU Extension horticulturist, retired

MYTH: Brown recluse and hobo spiders are common in Oregon.
REALITY: It is commonly thought that hobo and brown recluse spiders cause necrotic bites in this state, when in fact the brown recluse is not found in Oregon and the hobo spider does not cause necrotic bites. The hobo spider was in fact removed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s list of venomous spiders in 2015. The black widow is the most harmful spider to humans in the state. – Heather Stoven, OSU Extension entomologist and community horticulturist

MYTH: Watering on hot sunny days will burn the plants because the water droplets magnify the sun’s rays.
REALITY: It rains during the summer all around the world and plants are just fine. More of an issue is that the irrigation water will evaporate and not be as effective. Note though that sensitive houseplants like African violet can show leaf damage from very cold water applied to the leaves. – Brooke Edmunds, OSU Extension horticulturist

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Giorgio from Italy, 16 yrs.
Loves to play baseball and spend time with his dogs. Giorgio also plays the guitar, and his dream is to join a drama club at his American high school.

Hanna from Germany, 17 yrs.
Enjoys spending time with her family and younger siblings. Hanna plays volleyball and is excited to learn new sports while in America.

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coming traffic. Feedback from the community noted that drivers often speed along this segment where there is a higher risk of roadway departure crashes.

Potential solutions are similar to some suggested for the canal bridge area as well as installing warning signs to guide drivers through the curve located just west of Leaburg proper.

A curve in the stretch from Milepoint 29.15 to 30.05 is listed as a 2020 Safety Priority Index System (SPIS) site. This means that the curve’s location in this segment had one of the highest and most severe crash rates in the state for the previous three years.

Between 2016 and 2020, there were 11 total crashes, with two resulting in serious injury. The main safety issues on this segment result from the narrow roadway and steep drop-off on the eastbound shoulder, which officials say makes high-severity roadway departures more likely.

Widening roadway shoulders in this section may have environmental constraints and would be very expensive. Again, ODOT notes work there likely couldn’t be implemented within the next five years.

There was a total of four reported crashes from 2016 to 2020 at the east entrance of Holden Creek Lane, with one resulting in a fatality. Two of the four crashes happened when it was dark outside.

The main safety issues at this intersection, officials say, are the lack of signs and poor visibility. Potential solutions there could include upgraded striping and signs to make the intersection more visible, installing intersection lighting, and increased use of high-visibility striping.

The intersection of Hwy. 126 and Johnson Creek Road is located near several Leaburg businesses. Between 2016 and 2020, there were a total of six crashes, with one resulting in serious injury.

Upgraded striping and signs to make the intersection more visible could reduce problems there. So could installing intersection lighting.

The one-lane covered bridge on Goodpasture Road makes that intersection with the highway difficult for drivers on both roads to see vehicles entering the intersection. But it also makes it even harder for drivers on Hwy. 126 to see other vehicles, ODOT notes.

Between 2016 and 2020, there were a total of three crashes, with one resulting in a fatality. Besides upgrading striping and installing signs to make the intersection more visible, the agency recommends installing flashing beacons that turn on as vehicles approach to warn other drivers.

ODOT says they’re now considering short-term and low-cost potential solutions for each location that can be implemented in the next five years by at some corridor-wide solutions, including rumble strips and curve warning signs.

The study includes a number of recommendations that aren’t limited to specific areas. Among there are calls for consistent signage to alert drivers of entrances to areas like recreation sites installing driveway delineator posts. Other alerts might include pedestrian crossing signs, congestion ahead markers, or posting street names on both sides of the road, as well as installing more frequent milepost markers.

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Installing more guardrails is among the recommendations for improving highway safety along the McKenzie River corridor.

At a time when our nation seems deeply divided along political lines, we urge to take a different path, Ms. A said.

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