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Caller found an unknown male in his home, wearing his clothes

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Direct Answers

He's a player. Don't play unless you want to be hurt.

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Work will wind up at Walterville Students to be back in classrooms this Fall

WALTERVILLE: The number of tradesmen's vehicles in the parking lot of the Walterville Elementary School should be tapering off soon. Brett Yancey, Springfield School District's Chief Operating Officer said the majority of the work is expected to be completed at the end of the summer. Subcontractors from McKenzie Taylor Construction are "putting the finishing touches on and we'll be ready to go well before the Fall," he said.

The building suffered extensive damage as an aftermath of the second time in 20 years floodwaters entered the structure. Unlike the high water event that occurred in 1996, last year's flooding was tainted with pollution from nearby septic systems.

During the decontamination and rebuilding process, crews removed sheetrock and insulation up to four feet above the school's floors. "If you looked inside the could see through the walls all the

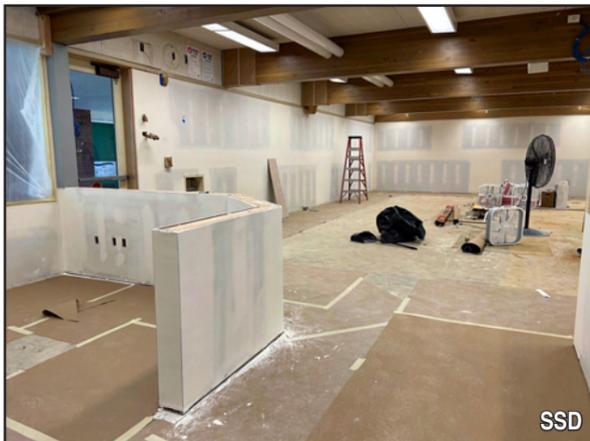
way down the hall," Yancey recalls. That work resulted in one benefit because previously a lot of wires and conduits had been installed on exterior surfaces as time went by. Now, all that sort of infrastructure has been relocated inside the walls.

Another big portion of the work has involved the replacement of all the built-in wooden cabinets,

which had also soaked up contaminants.

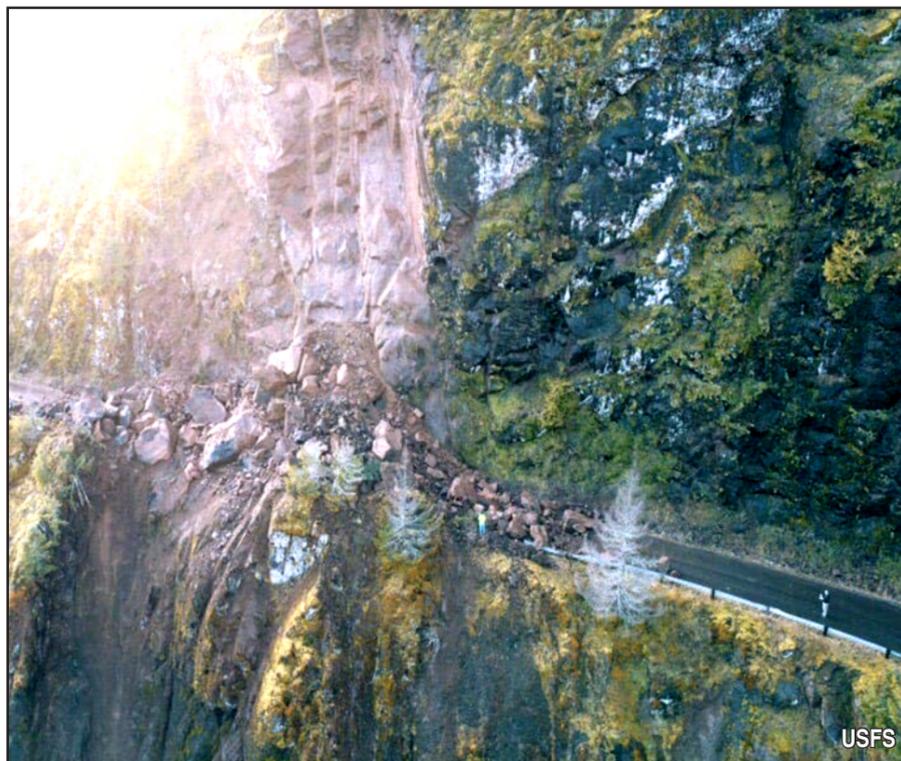
The project's cost won't be determined until insurance claims are finalized but it's expected to be in the range of about \$1.5 million.

What's sure, though, is that the 20-minute bus ride 146 Walterville students have been making to Mohawk Elementary will be over soon.



Flood repair work at Walterville Elementary is moving forward. Contractors and Springfield Public Schools facilities teams have removed contaminated materials while replacing and repairing sheetrock. In addition, painting has begun in a color now officially named "Walterville Blue."

Landslide damage is extensive Aufderheide Drive closure could last through summer



A serious landslide between milepost 54 and 56 on Forest Service Road 19 (Aufderheide Drive) is likely to continue to limit access to Terwilliger Hot Springs from the McKenzie Valley. Other day-use sites and campgrounds will not be accessible from Highway 126. Affected recreation sites include the Echo Boat Launch; Sunnyside Campground; Slide Creek Campground; Cougar Crossing Campground and Boat Launch; French Pete Campground; Hard Rock Group Campground; Red Diamond Group Campground; Roaring River Group Campground; Frissell Crossing Campground; Box Canyon Guard Station; and the Box Canyon Horse Camp. After the snow melts and fallen trees have been cleared, recreation sites will be accessible from the south side of FSR 19 (via Oakridge/Westfir).

"Three Sisters Meadow"

Donated Jones property renamed

By Cliff Richardson and Brandi Ferguson
Last Wednesday, April 26, a celebration gathering was held on the parcel of land known as the Jones or Seneca property. The 16-acre parcel was generously donated to the Blue River

Community by Becky, Jody, and Kathy Jones, owners of The Seneca Family of Companies, and daughters of Aaron and Marie Jones. The Jones sisters donated the land at the end of 2021 with the proposed stipulation that with acceptance

of the gift, the Community would collaborate on a plan for revitalization and development of the 16 acres. Several local organizations convened last Fall to address the Jones sister's donation request and collaborate on a plan moving forward. Those Community representatives asked the McKenzie River Trust, a neighbor, and local land conservation organization, to hold the land in trust as the Blue River Community moves through a visioning and planning process. The McKenzie River Trust is currently managing the land as a public open space until the Community is ready to **Three Sisters Meadow - P 8**



Brandi Crawford Ferguson of the McKenzie River Trust left, accepting a \$20,000 check from Mary Ellen Wheeler, president of McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals last week.

Blue River Park on the rebound

3-D "walk through" offers a look at improvements



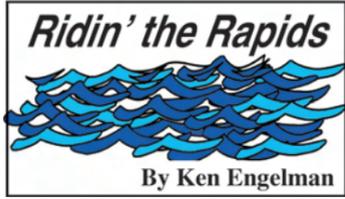
This image from the 3-D "walk through" of plans to rebuild the Blue River Park shows one of three proposed covered picnic areas. During last Saturday's design open house meeting, UO design student Audrey Ryciewicz updated people on four changes that were developed since a February public input session. Among the changes was the addition of a 9-hole disc golf area, an extension of the riverfront Historic Trail, a larger off-leash dog park zone, and integrating a "natural play" area with traditional playground equipment in an area that is open to view by parents seated in the picnic/BBQ areas.

McKenzie Valley Wellness election postponed

McKenzie Valley Wellness (MVW) has canceled its annual membership meeting planned for Tuesday, May 3rd. In a statement, the MVW board said it had learned of some important concerns about past donations that never reached them, and people who wanted to be members never getting on the membership roster. "There has been some confusion around the correct mailing address and name for our nonprofit. We need to make certain that people who want to be members are included," they noted.

"Everyone on our board recognizes the importance of having our annual membership meeting, and we are committed to getting it right, and then having the meeting," according to MVW president Val Rapp.

In addition, Rapp said, "We realized we need to be more clear on how to be a member. Our board will figure that out, and then we will let people know. We will give people a fair chance to join before we reschedule the meeting and voting."



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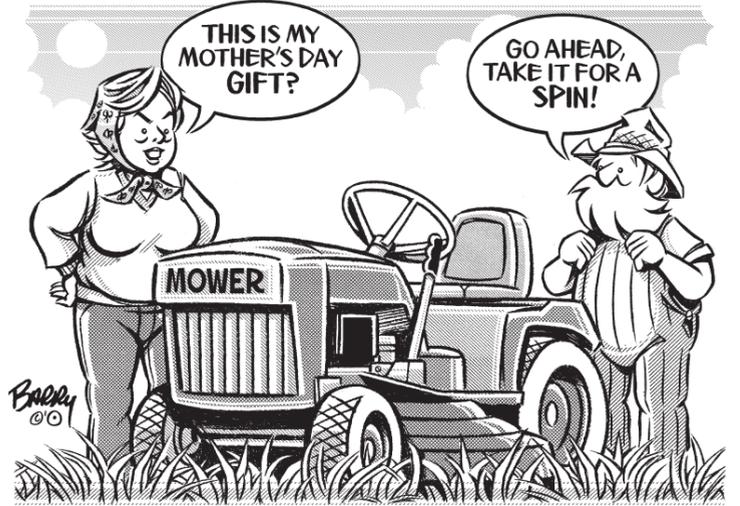
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Letters to the Editor

Thanks from the Chamber

They say April showers bring May flowers. We should have a garden of blooming glory soon. I can't wait to admire and smell them all. My grandchildren love to stop and smell every flower they see, they are surprised sometimes when one does not smell. How can something that beautiful not have a fragrance to enjoy?

Our McKenzie Chamber Annual Board Meeting on April 10th at 1:00 at the Vida Windermere Office went off incredibly well, despite the four inches of snow that fell the night before. Shoveling snow in April in Vida? We had a great turnout weather or not. Nineteen business folks, community members and four kids, varying in ages enjoyed a nice luncheon provided by the Chamber and furnished by the local venues. The Taste of the McKenzie was the theme. Craigs Lucky Logger served Lasagna by their new chef. Vinnies Barbeque whipped up their famous Blue Cheese Potato Salad. Ike's Lakeside pizza provided three varieties of pizza. McKenzie Station and Espresso sent marinated tri tip and rolls to make French Dips. Takoda's delivered a variety of chicken wings. Obsidian Grill sent their specialty chicken wings as well. To give a sweet ending to a perfect luncheon the Vida Café made several types of yummy pies.

Three gift cards were raffled off: the Blue-Sky Market, Leaburg Store and Everyone's Market.

All participants were asked to introduce themselves. Business members were asked to talk a little bit about their business and how they are doing. Lots of new faces and new businesses are happening in the McKenzie Valley. Check out our website to view all the new venues and the existing ones available to serve you year-round.

With our revised website it is easier than ever to renew your

membership online and you will automatically be notified when you need to make your next renewal payment to insure you stay active as a member. Not a member? It is easy to sign up and become one through our website or contact any of our board members to refer you to our great support team to help you sign up and explain the benefits of being a member of the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce. As a business member you can enjoy many benefits to promote your business and build your own page on the site. A Perma Flyer will be furnished by the Chamber to advertise your business at all three of our local kiosks. As a supporting community member, we encourage you to attend our meetings, voice your opinions so you may help us improve and serve the community, businesses, and the entire area of the beautiful McKenzie River Valley in a better way.

Our monthly meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am via zoom. If you are not on our email list and would like more information and updates from the Chamber, please feel free to contact any of our board members and we will get you signed up and keep you informed. You may also want to be part of the Chamber's Tourism Committee; they meet the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am via zoom. Contact Carol Tannebaum for more information.

Thanks for supporting and being a part of the McKenzie Chamber of Commerce.

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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Track and Field teams are scheduled to compete Tuesday, May 3, at the Crow Cougar Country Cinder Classic. Field events will start at 3:30 pm and Track events start at 4:00 pm. The Eagle teams are also scheduled to compete Wednesday, May 4, at the 3A, - SD4 Meet at Pleasant Hill High School. Field events start at 4:00 pm and Track events will begin at 4:30 pm.

The McKenzie Middle School Track and Field teams compete in the MWL MS District Meet held at the Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track, Saturday, May 7. Field events will start at 11:00 am and Track events will begin at 12:00 pm.

Mohawk Boys/Triangle Lake Girls Teams Win At Mapleton Eagle Girls Sixth, Boys Eighth

The Triangle Lake Girls Track and Field team dominated the day on the Mapleton track last Tuesday, April 26. The Lakers ran, jumped and threw for a total score of 121 points, easily outdistancing second place North Douglas, which finished the 1A, - SD2 League Meet with 78 points. Crow girls took third place with 68 points and Riddle finished fourth with 50 points earned. Mohawk girls finished fifth with 42 points, followed by sixth place McKenzie with 26 pts. Alsea was seventh at 25 pts., Eddyville finished tied with host Mapleton at eighth with 22 points and Yoncalla was tenth with 5 points.

The Mohawk Boys also won easily, finishing the League meet with 88 points. North Douglas earned 67 points for second place while holding off third place Eddyville, which finished with 62

points. Yoncalla boys took home fourth at 58 points, fifth place went to Crow at 51 pts., Triangle Lake finished sixth with 40 pts., and Riddle ended the event in seventh with 36 pts. McKenzie boys finished eighth with 29.5 pts., Mapleton took ninth at 28 pts., and rounding out the competition in tenth was Alsea at 7.5 pts.

Hailey Prater Second In Javelin, Caulley Third In Triple Jump Lockard Tallies Two Thirds In Shot Put and Javelin

Eagle junior Hailey Prater threw the javelin 73 ft. 4 in. at the 1A, - SD2 League Meet, held at Mapleton last Tuesday, April 26. That mark was good for second place and narrowly beat, by 2 inches, the third place throw by Feirin McConnall of Triangle Lake. McKenzie sister teammate Hannah Prater finished tenth in the Javelin event with a throw of 33 ft. 3 in. Clara Simonsen of Crow, who threw the spear 86 ft. 7 in, won the Javelin.

McKenzie freshman Adrian Caulley finished her Triple Jump efforts with a third place 22 ft. 0 in. leap. Triangle Lake's Kiele Riggs won the Triple Jump with a 28 ft. 5.5 in. mark. Hailey Prater also finished sixth in the Discus, with a throw of 53 ft. 9 in. Hannah Prater took seventh at 49 ft. 7 in. and Crow's Simonsen, who threw the discus 78 ft. 8 in, won the event.

In the Shot Put competition, Hailey Prater finished in seventh place with a heave measured at 20 ft. 6.5 in. and Hannah Prater threw the shot 19 ft. 4.75 in., good for ninth place. The Shot Put winner was Lomassi Kerr of Riddle with a throw of 26 ft. 8.5 in.

Caulley finished eighth in the Long Jump at 9 ft. 8 in. and Audri Ward of North Douglas, who jumped 14 ft. 4 in, won that event. Triangle Lake's Riggs, winner of the Triple Jump, also won the High Jump, clearing the bar at 4 ft. 5 in.

In the Girls Track events, Caulley finished fifth in the 100 m., timed at 15.90 seconds. North Douglas' Ward won the 100 m. in a time of 13.68 sec. Other Girls event winners

were Ward in the 100 m. Hurdles, timed at 18.40 sec., Autumn Thelander of Triangle Lake in the 200 m., timed at 30.24 sec., and Mia Piscopo of North Douglas, who won both the 400 m., in 1:05.00 minutes and the 800 m. in 2:47.00 min. Mapleton's Opal Burruss ran a first place time in the 1500 m., timed at 5:32.00 min. and Lyvia Shortt of Triangle Lake took home first in the 3000 m. race with a time of 13:40.00 min. Abrianna Roberts of Mohawk was the first place winner in the 300 m. Hurdles at 1:00.00 min. Crow won both the 4x100 Relay and 4x400 Relay races. The winning time in the 4x100 Relay team comprised of Kaylei Surcamp, Pitta Khumhaeng, Cloe Boutin, and Maci Holderby won with the time of 1:01.58 min. and their teammate quartet in the 4x400 Relay, consisting of Surcamp, Boutin, Simonsen, and Holderby won with a time of 5:38.00 minutes.

In the Boys competition at Mapleton, McKenzie's Levi Lockard led his team with a couple of third place finishes and a fifth place finish. Lockard's third place mark in the Shot Put was measured at 35 ft. 9.75 in. and the event was won by Eddyville's Payton Rockmore with a toss of 37 ft. 7.5 in. Eagle teammate Cody Morales finished eighteenth with a throw measured at 25 ft. 4.25 in. Lockard's other third place finish was in the Javelin event, where his throw was measured at 112 ft. 1 in. McKenzie teammate Trent Peek took fourth place at 109 ft. 7 in. and Ray Gerrard of North Douglas, whose winning throw was marked at 144 ft. 8 in, won the Javelin. Lockard's fifth place finish came in the Discus with a throw of 95 ft. 6 in. Morales finished eighth at 79 ft. 7 in. and Gerrard of North Douglas, who threw the implement 133 ft. 7 in, won the Discus.

Eagle Peek finished eighth in the Long Jump with a leap of 16 ft. 1 in. and the event was won

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Friday 5/6		Saturday 5/7		Sunday 5/8	
McKenzie Valley Rain 90% chance precip High: 58 Low: 44	Santiam Pass Rain 90% chance precip High: 46 Low: 30	McKenzie Valley Showers 50% chance precip High: 52 Low: 40	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 50% chance precip High: 36 Low: 27	McKenzie Valley Showers 40% chance precip High: 53 Low: 38	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 50% chance precip High: 38 Low: 26

WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM				READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE			
Date	High	Low	Rain Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain Riverflow
4/26	52	40	0.28 1,182 cfs	4/26	54	42	0.23 5,920 cfs
4/27	48	44	0.05 1,213 cfs	4/27	54	42	0.02 5,710 cfs
4/28	47	39	0.49 NA	4/28	56	41	0.02 5,440 cfs
4/29	58	40	0.54 NA	4/29	55	45	0.19 5,530 cfs
4/30	55	43	1.13 1,286 cfs	4/30	54	43	0.69 5,960 cfs
5/1	66	42	0.01 1,971 cfs	5/1	57	42	0.48 8,380 cfs
5/2	52	40	1.36 1,971 cfs	5/2	65	43	0.37 8,140 cfs

Sheriff's Report

April 23: 12:00 p.m: Theft - 49500 block, McK. Hwy. Follow up.

4:23 p.m: Burglary - 92200 blk, Murdoch St. A caller came home to find an unknown male in his home, wearing the caller's clothes. The male was extremely high on drugs and had drugs with him. He was taken into custody and lodged at the Lane County Jail.

9:07 p.m: Menacing - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr. A verbal dispute between neighbors at a campfire turned physical. One neighbor chased another while yelling threats. He then menaced another person with a knife. He was taken into custody and ultimately lodged at the Lane County Jail.

April 24: 9:29 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 54700 blk, Cad-dis Ln. Caller reported being in a dispute with her ex. No injuries were reported.

April 25: 11:08 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller reported that the driver of a tan Honda parked his car at a neighbor's driveway and was looking around.

April 26: 8:49 a.m: Abandoned Vehicle - 37700 block, Upper Camp Creek Rd.

9:15 a.m: Welfare Check - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

11:35 a.m: Theft - 51100 blk, Blue River Dr. Caller initially reported that gas was stolen from some school vehicles. It was later determined that gas was not actually taken.

2:55 p.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 93100 blk, Marcola Rd.

3:34 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

3:48 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 54200 blk, W. King Rd.

4:47 p.m: Assist, Information - 40700 blk, Potter Creek Ln.

5:03 p.m: Violation of Stalking Order - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

6:32 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Milepost 44.

7:01 p.m: Suspicious Subject - 92800 blk, Fir Ridge Rd.

9:27 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Sunderman Rd. & Marcola Rd. A vehicle was left unoccupied in the middle of the roadway. The owner was contacted and it was determined that the vehicle had run out of gas.

April 27: 12:00 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Wendling Rd.

12:16 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 6600 blk, Thurston Rd.

1:35 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 56400 blk, N. Bank Rd.

2:28 p.m: Civil Service - 91800 blk, Taylor Rd.

3:34 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 8500 blk, Thurston Rd. A caller reported that her son was involved in a dispute with her boyfriend. No crime was articulated and a welfare check was conducted.

3:56 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Honeybee Ln. & Wendling Rd.

4:48 p.m: Theft - Aufderheide Dr. & McK. Hwy. A tree crew working in the area had their trailer broken into. Various items were stolen including climbing equipment, hand tools, and a Stihl 660 chainsaw.

4:55 p.m: Civil Service - 38900 blk, Hendricks Park Rd.

6:02 p.m: Animal Abuse - Blue River Reservoir Rd. & McK. Hwy.

6:08 p.m: Assist, Information - 90100 blk, Marcola Rd.

7:52 p.m: Driving While Sus-

pended - McK. Hwy. Mp. 29.

April 28: 5:59: p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. An elderly woman with Alzheimer's arrived at a local business. She was reunited with family.

7:37 p.m: Driving under influence of intoxicants - McK. Hwy. & Cedar Flat Rd.

10:46 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 39600 blk, Wendling Rd.

April 29: 1:53 a.m: Alarm - 43100 blk, McK. Hwy.

10:25 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - Blue River Dam. Caller reported that she went to spoke to a person that was camping in the area when the person unholstered a firearm. The caller was not menaced, but concerned that the camper's reaction was extreme.

12:35 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 90800 blk, Angels Flight Rd.

4:07 p.m: Illegal Dump - McK. Hwy. & Goodpasture Rd.

7:00 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Holden Creek Ln. & McK. Hwy.

8:10 p.m: Citizen Contact -

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23:23: 40000 blk, Booth Kelly Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal.

April 30: 11:28: 88000 blk, Tiki Ln. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.

14:38: 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

May 1: 15:26: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Vehicle Fire - Extinguished.

15:42: 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

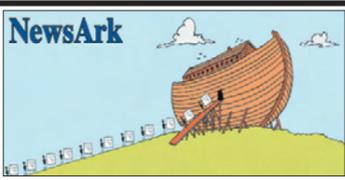
McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, May 16th, at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

April 30: 13:59: Medical - 91000 block, Alma Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

22:13: Medical - 59000 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 18th, at the McK. Fire station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.



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Endangered fish found at confluence

Researchers last week identified twelve Oregon chub that were captured at the confluence of the McKenzie and Willamette rivers.

Log Cabin Resort's revival is underway

McKENZIE BRIDGE: Four-dillon are being poured and framed to go up on the reconstruction of the Log Cabin Inn just under way last week. Steve McChesley, president of Fishstone Construction Services said his firm's first task will be to remove infrastructure work like electrical, plumbing and septic system.

EWB board to consider new boat landing

WIDA: The EWB Board of Commissioners will hold a public meeting at the Vida McKeown Community Center next Tuesday night, October 25th, to take public input on the location of a new boat landing near Leaburg Lake. Before the meeting, which begins at 7 p.m., utility board members will tour the area being considered.

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Did 'Boneyard Mary' murder Thomas McMahon?

By Finn J.D. John

This is the story of Portland's coldest-cold-casefile — an auspicious death in the worst neighborhood of the old Stumptown waterfront, almost lost in the mists of time, 135 years ago. Was it an accident? Or a murder?

We'll never know for sure. But there are good reasons to be suspicious.

The Night Before

Our story begins in a smoky, lamp-lit saloon in the rough part of Portland, back in early February of 1878. W.H. Harrigan, one of the tough, hardworking longshoremen who worked the docks in early Portland, was having a drink or two with his friend Thomas McMahon — known to friends and enemies alike as "Mac."

Mac was a scow operator on the river, in charge of one of the large flat-bottomed boats that helped shuttle cargo among ships in the harbor, and he lived in a cabin on board the scow.

Mac wasn't his usual free-spirited self that evening. In fact, Mac told Harrigan he was flat-out scared. He explained that he'd gotten in a fight with a man named Jack Abrahagen a week or two before, and Abrahagen had beaten him badly and then pulled a knife. Abrahagen was, at that moment, under arrest in the city jail awaiting trial for this deadly assault, and McMahon was worried that Abrahagen would come for him and finish the job, so that he couldn't testify against him. Would Harrigan be willing to



City of Portland Archives

The notorious Oregon Steam Navigation Company "boneyard," covering the waterfront at the north end of the North End and stocked with old and dilapidated steamboats, as it appeared in an 1892 commemorative publication by the Portland Morning Oregonian.

come spend the night at his place, for protection?

Harrigan said he would. But as the night went on, the two of them proceeded to tax their capacity for intoxicating liquors. They did such a fine job of this that Harrigan was arrested for public drunkenness and thrown into the drunk tank.

It was the last time Harrigan would ever see McMahon alive.

Missing

The next day, Harrigan stopped by McMahon's scow to check on him, and found no sign of the man anywhere.

Alarmed, Harrigan kicked in the door of the scow. There was no sign of Harrigan, but all his belongings were still there in the scow — including, most alarmingly, \$4.50 (about \$105 in today's dollars) in cash.

"I then started for up town," Harrigan said, during the coroner's inquest that followed a few weeks later, "and after I had passed the house of Boneyard Mary she called to me and said McMahon had fallen in the river; that she saw him swimming; that she thought he had got out as someone struck a light in the scow."

Boneyard Mary

"Boneyard Mary" was the nickname of a woman named Eliza Bunets, who lived on one of the old riverboats in the steamboat company "boneyard" — the place where old steamboats were moored after they were mostly worn out, in case parts were ever needed. Aesthetically, the boneyard was kind of like a combination of a junkyard and a haunted mansion, the whole thing floating on an

occasionally evil-smelling river at the foot of Flanders Street, decrepit by day and, in those pre-streetlight days, positively sinister by night.

McMahon's scow was anchored right next to the boneyard, so he and Boneyard Mary were neighbors — but, it seems, not friends.

Boneyard Mary gave her occupation as "laundress," and, well, maybe she was. A careful reading of the newspaper accounts, though, suggests she derived most of her income in other ways.

Harrigan had no reason to disbelieve Boneyard Mary. He moved on, trying to convince himself that McMahon had simply gone on the lam to avoid being called as a witness against Abrahagen. But something about the whole thing bothered him, especially the money. Why would he leave his money behind?

Two weeks later, Harrigan's worst fears were realized. A young boy fishing off a nearby dock hooked and reeled in the unfortunate McMahon's corpse.

The Inquest

At the coroner's inquest, Harrigan told his story, and then it was Boneyard Mary's turn. She said the evening Harrigan was arrested, she was there when he arrived home for the night.

"I went inside the house and told (neighbor) Mr. Nelson and his wife that McMahon was very drunk," she testified. "I then stepped out on the wharf, and in a few minutes heard a splash in the water. I ran to the edge of the wharf and looked down in the river and saw an object in the water which I thought was him."

Boneyard Mary then went back to the house and notified Nelson and his wife that McMahon had fallen in the drink. Nelson promptly came out to help.

"Mr. Nelson went immediately on board the scow," Bunets said, "and found a hat saturated with water, and Mr. Nelson said he thought he had gone in the cabin and was all right."

Motives for murder?

A few other interesting "Boneyard Mary" - Page 8



By Slim Randles

"Well that about tears it!" said Steve, twitching his walrus moustache. "How do they expect a guy to get by when they tell him what to do and to send money and re-up every dang thing in your billfold. It ain't right!"

We hadn't seen our favorite cowboy so worked up over something since the boss made him shoe the neighbor lady's mule. He still limps now and then when the weather turns cold.

Steve had been sipping coffee and slitting envelopes as he combined caffeine and mail. As usual.

"Are you going to ask him?" said Doc, turning to Herb.

"You're closer to him than I am, Doc. I might have to raise my voice. Weakens a guy."

Doc grinned. "Okay, Steve, what's the problem?"

"Licenses. Every dang time you turn around some guy behind a counter tells you you have to buy a license. Runs a guy straight into the poorhouse. It does.

"Why, you have to have a license for your pickup, and for your dog, and I'll bet if a guy got married, he'd need a license for that, too."

"You got that right," said Dud.

"Them HAM radio guys gotta have a license, too," Steve said. "Once you buy a license, they give you all them numbers and letters, so your buddies in Thailand know it's you. I'm tired of it. We need a simpler way to live."

"Okay, Steve," Doc said, "What do you suggest we do?"

Steve grinned. "Everybody get a horse. You don't need a license for the horse. You can get on him and ride him everywhere you go. Works out just fine, in my thinking."

Doc smiled. "I have to go to a conference in Boston, Steve. Any suggestions?"

"Well, Doc," Steve said. "I believe if I were you, I'd saddle up and leave now."

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



"In my mind, that's a really important place master gardeners come into play," she said. "They stop and really figure out the situation."

Edmunds pointed out that the research-based information is appropriate for all gardeners' viewpoints, whether they want to follow organic tenants, prefer to use synthetic products or fall somewhere in between.

"All options are presented," she said. "We're showing everything that works. People can choose what fits best into how they like to garden."

That those options are based on science means you'll get data specific to Oregon, Edmunds stressed. The problems that arise and plants that grow here can differ widely from other states, even from one part of the state to another. Local master gardeners are familiar with regional gardening, answer thousands of questions each year and quickly get timely, accurate answers to your questions.

"A lot of times people call wanting verification of something they've looked up on the Internet," Langellotto said. "We use that as a jumping off point for a conversation. We make sure a person knows the questions to ask to get the answers they need."

Master gardeners also work directly with the public at farmer's markets, plant sales, garden shows, county fairs, demonstration gardens, schools and correctional facilities. Most counties offer a seasonal slate of classes, too.

"There's nothing like a hands-on class," Edmunds said. "Say you're new to composting. You can read a lot about it and find a lot of advice online, but it's different than going to a class and seeing what 'wet but not dripping' compost looks like and feels like and take that information away."

Check with your county Extension office or call your local Master Gardener hotline for information on classes in your area.

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



By Mary Emma Allen

DANDELIONS FOR SPRING

The golden glow of dandelions soon will carpet fields and lawns. Some consider them weeds to be pulled and destroyed, while others look upon these blooms as decorative flowers and something to eat.

I've always enjoyed the dandelions of spring, probably because of my associations with them in childhood. They provided brightness in the large lawn before our farmhouse after the drabness of mud season. They dotted the meadows where cattle grazed.

Picking Flowers for Mother We children picked dandelion bouquets for Mother. I recall my brother pulling off the heads and handing them to her with pride. Mother arranged them in a cereal bowl of water, praising him as though he'd presented her with exotic blooms.

We associated dandelions with the arrival of robins and other spring joys. We never considered them nuisances in the lawn for they also provided us with food in the way of greens. (Those were the days when greens such as lettuce were offered only in summer at the grocery or our garden.)

So today, I enjoy seeing the golden blooms in yards (even our

own) and fields. This year they seem especially plentiful, as do so many blossoms and flowers, such as lilacs, daffodils, trillium, lady slippers, and others that grow wild in our woodland yard.

A Spring Food Idea ORIENTAL SALAD was served at one of our family reunions. Combine 2 cups cooked diced chicken, 2 tablespoons slivered almonds, 1/2 small to medium head chopped cabbage, 2 chopped scallions, and 2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds.

Combine 1 tablespoon sugar, 1/3 cup salad oil, 1 teaspoon salt (less if desired), 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 3 tablespoons rice vinegar (you can substitute red wine vinegar). Pour over salad and toss well. Refrigerate overnight.

Before serving stir in 1 cup crisp Chinese noodles.

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Quote of the Week

"In Republics, the great danger is, that the majority may not sufficiently respect the rights of the minority."

James Madison



Get free, one-to-one gardening help

When you've got a gardening question, try tapping out a local phone number for a customized answer instead of delving into the impersonal internet.

The one-to-one contact could mean the difference between success and failure.

At the other end of the phone line in 28 counties sit Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardeners poised to solve your gardening problems — or help keep them from happening in the first place.

More than 3,000 volunteers have graduated from 66 hours of intensive training in topics from insect identification to vegetable gardening. They pick up phones prepared to listen, investigate and furnish information that's been scientifically vetted, according to Gail Langellotto, statewide master gardener coordinator.

"Our tagline is 'reliable, reachable, relevant,'" she said. "We get to know your gardening situation and provide customized advice based on your location, your preferences and your goals."

Going to the internet to identify a plant or insect can be problematic, Langellotto noted. A gardener may notice an insect that's red and

black, search those parameters and come up with a different insect.

"You may not be able to distinguish differences in the shape of the wing or type of antenna," she said. "If the insect is misidentified, it could lead to applying a pesticide on something that's not a pest. Or you may kill something beneficial for the garden. You need the correct ID to solve your problem."

Wading through plant descriptions online can be onerous, too, said Brooke Edmunds, an Extension horticulturist. Websites sometimes contradict each other, and some offer only the most basic or vague information. Growing a plant correctly depends on knowing its needs.

Does it do best in sun or shade, moist soil or dry? How much fertilizer does it need? How and when should you prune it? Will it grow too big for the planned space or send out roots to disturb the sidewalk? What about cold and heat hardiness? There are so many questions.

By calling Extension master gardeners and horticulturists like Edmunds, you'll get personalized information based on your particular problems and needs, all answered with a one-on-one phone call instead of time-consuming visits to multiple websites.

- blk, Camp Creek Rd.
- 9:20 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Old Mohawk Rd. & Marcola Rd.
- May 1: 2:50 a.m:** Medical Info - 45500 blk, McK. Hwy.
- 3:58 a.m: Alarm - 43100 blk, McK. Hwy.
- 12:11 p.m: Citizen Contact - 91600 blk, Alma Dr.
- 2:36 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 91200 blk, Leavitt Ln.
- 5:36 p.m: Civil Service - 91800 blk, Taylor Rd.
- 5:44 p.m: Citizen Contact - 56900 blk, McK. Hwy.
- 11:09 p.m: Speeding Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

Sheriff's Report

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- Holden Creek Ln. & McK. Hwy.
- 9:26 p.m: Welfare Check - 91600 blk, Alma Dr.
- 9:55 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd. A highly intoxicated male tripped and cut his head on broken glass. He was initially resistive to his son applying pressure to the wound. The male was seen by medics. No crime articulated.
- April 30: 11:37 a.m:** Theft - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.
- 11:55 a.m: Theft From Vehicle - 90300 blk, Sunderman Rd.
- 12:46 p.m: Citizen Contact - 91600 blk, Alma Dr.
- 1:30 p.m: Subpoena Service - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.
- 1:31 p.m: Subpoena Service - 45400 blk, Goodpasture Rd.
- 1:40 p.m: Subpoena Service - 45900 blk, Goodpasture Rd.
- 4:10 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 27.
- 6:37 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 41.
- 8:46 p.m: Loud Noise - 39200



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Need advice on rebuilding?

Lane County Land Management is hosting a drop-in session on Saturday, May 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the McKenzie Community School New Gym (51187 Blue River Drive) for Holiday Farm Fire survivors who are working through the rebuilding process.

"We know from talking with survivors that many are still deciding whether to rebuild or how to rebuild," said Lane County Permit Navigator Marianne Nolte. "It can be a complicated process and our planners and building officials want to sit down with people to help them understand what they need for their specific properties."

People will be able to get help with:

- understanding what forms are required
- locating what records already exist for a property
- checking permit status
- understanding sanitation requirements

quirements

- determining required setbacks
- understanding building permits and inspections

Representatives from McKenzie Locals Helping Locals, McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group, and disaster case managers will also be on-hand to help connect fire survivors to resources and help.

For survivors unable to attend Saturday's drop-in session, Nolte continues to be available on Tuesdays at the McKenzie School New Gym from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and at the Leaburg Annex (42870 McKenzie Highway - milepost 20) on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

In addition to creating the permit navigator position that Nolte holds, Lane County has taken other steps to help reduce the barriers to rebuilding for fire survivors, including:

- Adding 7 FTE (full-time equivalent employees) to Land Management to help handle the influx of applications
- Waiving many land use application fees for dwellings and businesses
- Advocating for changes to state land use laws that make it easier for people to rebuild after a wildfire
- Working with state agencies to provide grants for people who rebuild with fire-resistant

Community Notes

Stage center



Friday Night at the Waltherville Community Center three one act plays were presented to the local community. Goshen Grange presented a patriotic tribute with songs and readings from our national heritage. Irving Grange showed us how to play virtual games about rolling dice and dragons. Waltherville topped the evening with a play about how not to have a meeting. Afterwards everyone was treated to sandwiches and dessert. Thank you to all that came and supported the Thespians.

May 7 Dime At A Time

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

May 8 Mother's Day Breakfast

The Waltherville Grange will be hosting their annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 8th, from 8 to 11 a.m. A great breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, fruit, and coffee, juice, or milk will be served. The community center is located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Wal-

terville. Donations are gratefully accepted. People are encouraged to also bring a canned food donation for the upriver foodbank.

May 16 Spring Flea Market

Spring is the time of year when most of us are motivated to clean our homes, garages and storage sheds to whip our homes into shape. But what to do with all that "stuff" you no longer want or need? Vida McKenzie Community Center has a solution!

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May 16 McKenzie Fire & Rescue

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center.

May 16 Springfield School Board

7:00pm - 8:30pm. The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (except July). Regular business meetings begin at 7 pm on the 2nd Monday and work sessions are generally held at 4 pm on the 4th Monday of the month in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

May 18 McKenzie School Board

Change for May School Board The budget committee meeting will be the same as posted on the budget committee meeting notice. (May 18 at 5 PM in the cafeteria)

But the Regular School Board meeting will be Thursday May 19 at 5:30 P.M.

If you could list the regular school board day/date change in several issues that would be great"

(We are changing it because of the meeting in the new gym concerning the

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Notice of Budget Committee Meeting

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the **McKenzie School District**, Lane County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 will be held at the McKenzie High School Cafeteria. The meeting will take place on **May 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected on or after May 16, 2022 at the district office at 51187 Blue River Dr. Finn Rock, OR, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Additional meetings, if needed, are scheduled on May 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. and May 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the public can access the live stream of the meeting at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC14qR6Fmaelcllzi4UMCeQ>

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

Method Of Operation

I am having a problem in paradise. First of all, I am 22, he is 31. We have known each other for a little over a month.

At first, he was more affectionate than I was. He felt a little upset I wasn't moving as fast as he was affectionately. Not that he was trying to be sexual, he just wanted cuddling, hugging, and kissing.

For some reason he thought we were "two different people." He was unsure whether we should even talk anymore. I didn't see that! We had a long debate, and everything was good after that.

Last Thursday he came to my birthday party, and everyone thought he was very attentive. I sat on his lap, we held hands and hugged a lot. He brought me a bottle of merlot wine, burned a CD with my favorite songs on it, and gave me a card.

In the past he told me I am special, and it would be a loss if I wasn't in his life. After the party I emailed him a thank you. I called Saturday afternoon to see if he wanted to go dancing and left a message on his answering machine. He didn't call back, so I assumed he was busy. No big deal.

Next day I called again. He said he had plans all day. I asked if he wanted to do something later, but he said he was starting a new job on Monday. I've called or emailed four times since.

Maybe I'm being paranoid, but I've gotten no return call, no email, no nothing. My friends and I can't figure out what's going on in his head. I'm trying to think of the best way humanly possible to handle this situation delicately. I don't want to lose him, and I sure don't want to give up easily.

Elise
Elise, you want a delicate solution. I can give you the solution, but it lacks delicacy.

In your mind your boyfriend wasn't trying to be sexual, but cuddling, hugging, and kissing are the prelude to something more. He didn't get what he wanted. Then he withdrew, perhaps as a way of moving you along. Along the way he decided he was done with you.

Bill Clinton gave Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" to Hillary while they were courting. He also gave the same book to Monica Lewinsky. Who knows how many other women received the same treatment. It was just his method of operation.

A bottle of merlot, a CD, and a note may well be just part of your ex-boyfriend's modus operandi. He does it by rote. It doesn't mean anything. What has meaning is the way he is treating you.

Pursuing him makes you vulnerable, and opens the possibility he might try to use you for his own ends. He's a player. Don't play unless you want to be hurt.

No Shortcut

My daughter is the single mother of two children. I know this sounds harsh, but it has gotten to the point where her father and I are estranged from her. Basically we want a "divorce" from her and would like visitation with our grandchildren. Is this possible?

Betty
Betty, focus on your daughter, not on your grandchildren. Your relationship to those kids is through her. If someone tried to circumvent you to get to your children, imagine how you would react.

If there is a way to help your daughter, or even placate her, that is more likely to be productive than legal remedies. Getting between a mother bear and her cubs can raise the amount of discord to a level beyond what you can now imagine.

There's one major problem with giving grandparents legal access to their grandchildren. People who inflicted verbal, physical, and

sexual abuse on their children are then given access to inflict trauma on yet another generation.

Wayne & Tamara

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

American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

Eric Pankey, in his poem, "In Such a Way That", participates in one of the rituals practiced by poets the world over — the marking of the changing seasons. The transitions from winter to spring, from rainy season to dry season, from monsoon to autumn and from harmattan to spring, are announced with poems rich with intimations of beginnings and endings. This poem borrows, with subtlety, from the biblical canticles and psalms associated with the vespers, invoking gratitude and confession in a space where contradictions and "double assignments" (entanglements and lodgings, shelters and staging grounds) abound. In the end, there is some comfort, for Pankey, in the changing seasons and in these remembered prayers.

In Such a Way That

By Eric Pankey

Winter ends with a miscellany's logic: a leaden horizon, A narrow but unbridgeable distance.

Stolen moments are exchanged for isolated hours, Elaborate entanglements, a lodging.

One's suitable room fulfills a double assignment As a stage and shelter. The heady pollen of stargazer lilies

Covers the bureaus, the desktop, and end tables.

Beyond the window, the sacred mountain

Is depleted of snow. On a frequency

At the far end of the dial, one can hear

Vespers, and recall the little Latin one learned long ago,

Knowing even then it would come in handy

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Personal

The Leaburg Sew & So's will meet again on Monday afternoons when the McKenzie Fire & Rescue Center re-opens for community activities. Call Sara at 541-896-3059 for more information.

If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours. AA Group meets Wednesday 6:00pm-7:00pm and Sunday 5:00-6:00pm at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, 88393 Waltherville Loop, a block from the Waltherville Shopping Center. N/c-sub 5/15-5/11/14

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

May 5 - On May 5, 1945 the Reverend Archie Mitchell, his wife Elsie and five children from the small town of Bly were on an outing near Gearhart Mountain. Archie was getting the picnic from the car while Elsie and the children walked into the woods. A moment later there was a terrific explosion. Elsie and the five

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children, ranging in age from 11 to 14, were killed by a Japanese balloon bomb. The balloon was filled with hydrogen gas and was one of 9,000 such balloons with bombs attached that Japan unleashed during World War Two. The bombs were intended to start forest fires along the Pacific coast. The six who perished near Bly were the only known casualties inflicted by Japanese attack on the U.S. mainland during World War Two.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM OR-18-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing of the UPPER MCKENZIE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT will be held on: **JULY 19, 2022** at 7:00 pm at 5575 MCKENZIE BRIDGE Oregon. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 as approved by the UMRFPD Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 5575 MCKENZIE HWY, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on or after uppermckenziefire.com. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Dawn Pizzani Telephone: 541-822-5479 Email: uppermckenzie2800@gmail.com

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES		
	Actual 2021	Adopted Budget This Year 2022-22	Approved Budget Next Year 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	847,824	973,854	2,812,000
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	183,132	1,700	3,400
Federal, State & All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	610,578	890,627	250,000
Revenues from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers/ Internal Service Reimbursements	0	7,800	650,000
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	143,187	172,244	68,000
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	781,062	228,043	242,000
Total Resources	2,045,781	2,771,808	4,126,000

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION	FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *		
	Actual 2021	Adopted Budget This Year 2022-22	Approved Budget Next Year 2022-23
Personnel Services	302,234	105,065	108,601
Materials and Services	133,848	1,700	201,399
Capital Outlay	255,743	1,069,200	900,000
Debt Service	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers	0	7,800	650,000
Contingencies	0	4,300	4,000
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	1,353,976	964,164	2,262,000
Total Requirements	2,045,781	2,771,808	4,126,000

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Available, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds		
Other Bonds		
Other Borrowings		
Total	\$0	\$0

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"Boneyard Mary" Three Sisters Meadow

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things developed out of Bunets' testimony, though. First, Jack Abrahamagen — the man arrested for beating and knifing McMahon — was, as it turned out, more than just her friend. He'd been living with her for several weeks before the fight broke out. She'd been smuggling letters to him in jail, slipped inside newspapers. And the two of them were engaged to be married.

Furthermore, she told the court, "I think the fight between (Abrahamagen) and McMahon was about some bad words being said by McMahon about me."

Also, after McMahon disappeared, Bunets smuggled a letter to Abrahamagen "stating that he need not be afraid now as 'Mc' had gone away."

Could it be that Eliza "Boneyard Mary" Bunets had something to do with McMahon's drowning that night?

Certainly Bunets had the motivation to do the job. She was 40 years old — an age at which a "working girl" in the 1870s couldn't look forward to many more years of plying the trade. She'd met a man who wanted to marry her — to make her a "respectable" married woman. Now that whole dream was being threatened by the prospect of attempted-murder charges. If Abrahamagen were hauled off to the penitentiary, it was likely those wedding bells would go forever unring.

The only way that could be prevented with absolute certainty, would be for McMahon to "disappear" before he could testify. And it's not hard to spin a not-too-fanciful theory about how she might accomplish such a thing.

Murdering McMahon: A theory

Let's say, theoretically, that she sees Mac coming home drunk that night, and sees her chance. She slips over to his scow with a bottle, a smile, and maybe a little extra something to put in his drink — or maybe she just drinks with him and goads him into having more than he should, and he passes out. It would be the work of a few minutes to slip the unconscious McMahon into the river to quietly drown.

Then she dips his hat in the water, plants it on the boat and trots up the wharf to the Nelson house to fabricate an alibi. "Mac is very drunk tonight," she remarks, as if just making chit-chat, and then wanders back out again. She dawdles outside for two or three minutes, then hustles back in.

"Help!" she shrieks. "Mac fell in the water! Help me get him out!"

Nelson runs down to the scow and, as Boneyard Mary had planned (in our hypothetical scenario) finds the wet hat.

"Oh good," Boneyard Mary remarks innocently. "He must have gotten out."

The two of them talk it over and decide McMahon must have run off to Washington Territory to avoid testifying against Abrahamagen, and they all go to bed. Boneyard Mary has her witness and her alibi. The currents of the river seem likely to carry the body out to sea and no

one will be the wiser. Everything is going right according to plan ... until that pesky meddling kid fishes up McMahon's corpse and gets the cops involved.

Could this have been what happened that night? Maybe. Certainly it would explain why there was a wet hat on the scow even though McMahon never made it back aboard.

But we'll never really know. Because the Coroner ruled the death an accident, and that was the end of that.

(Sources: *Portland Morning Oregonian*, Feb. 25-26, 1878)

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assume ownership. Historically, the 16-acre parcel represents the east half of an old mill site that once included a green-end veneer plant, a sawmill, and a large log pond. Seneca Lumber Company acquired the land several decades ago and dismantled the fore-mentioned facilities. In the 90's, Seneca donated the west half of the property to the McKenzie Track and Field Committee. The MCTF developed the Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track venue, an eight-lane certified track venue capable of hosting world-class events. Marie Jones later donated the funding for the construction of the AMJ Building, which furnishes a track storage garage, restrooms, outdoor showers, a concession stand, a meeting room, and office space for the facility. The celebration on Wednesday included the presentation of a \$20,000 donation from McKenzie Locals Helping Locals to McKenzie Riv-

er Trust. The donation check was presented by MLHL President Mary Ellen Wheeler to MRT representative Brandi Crawford Ferguson and will be used by MRT to cover the hard costs related to owning and managing the donated property. MLHL utilized funds received from the residential log and wood fiber sales donated to it through the McKenzie Valley recovery process and in cooperation with Suulutaq Inc. The attending Community representatives celebrated the gift of the land, progress made thus far and soon will embrace the process with community listening sessions. The group also brainstormed ideas for renaming the property and agreed, enthusiastically, on Three Sisters Meadow. This seemed a very appropriate homage to the three generous Jones sisters as well as to our three outstanding volcanic peaks, standing prominently to the East.

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 - 6,166, Leaburg Lake - 1,000, Blue River Reservoir - 1,200, Blue River - 600, and Clear Lake - 2,500.

Fish Counts

April 30, Willamette Falls
Fall Chinook - 1,859
Summer Steelhead - 2,709



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by Mohawk's Aiden O'Dea, who jumped 19 ft. 1.75 in. McKenzie's Jamie LeClair took fifth place in the Triple Jump at 28 ft. 10 in. and the event was won by Mapleton's Joseph Shepard with a mark of 38 ft. 10 in. Noah Leary of Yoncalla

won the High Jump, clearing the bar at 5 ft. 8 in.

In the Track events, Peek tied for sixth in the 100 m. race with Alesa's Parker Crowe, both athletes timed in 12.71 sec. and that race was won by Aiden O'Dea of Mohawk in a time of 11.52 sec. Eagle LeClair finished ninth in the 400 m. race, crossing the finish line in 1:09.58 min. Winning the 400 m. was Logan Grant of North Douglas in a time of 55.74 sec. LeClair also placed twelfth in the 200 m. race in time of 28.78 sec. Eddyville's Anthony Guenther won that event in 25.65 sec. Viggo Beck of Triangle Lake was a dual

winner for the Lakers, taking both the 800 m. in 2:19.00 min. and the 1500 m. event in 4:38. 00 min. Crow's Colton Nevins with a time of 11:35.00 min won the 3000 m. race.

The Eddyville quartet of Payton Rockmore, Cameron Jensen, Drake Dougherty, and Guenther won the 4x100 Relay in a time of 49.02 sec., and the 4x400 Relay was won by the Mohawk foursome of Matthew Million, Randy Turner, Josh Henshaw, and Joseph Sepulveda. Mohawk's winning time was 4:23.00 min.

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