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This weekend, February 17 & 18 is Free Fishing Weekend in Oregon. No fishing/shellfish licenses or tags (including a Combined Angling Tag, Columbia River Basin Endorsement, Two-Rod Validation, or Rogue-South Coast Steelhead Validation/Tag) are required. Both Oregon residents and nonresidents can fish for free. All other fishing regulations apply including closures, bag limits, and size restrictions. See the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for rules and remember to check for any in-season

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The Tokatee Golf Club is inviting people to their Opening Day on February 24th - from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. - for a round of golf and a good meal afterward. Designed by renowned architect Ted Robinson, this 18-hole course is golf in the rugged outdoors with straightforward holes that are enhanced by their views of distant mountains and their use of native ponds and streams. Nestled in the beautiful McKenzie River Valley with glistening views of the Three Sisters Mountains, Tokatee Golf Club of-

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The Oregon Logging Conference is set for February 22, 23 & 24 at the Lane Events Center & Fairgrounds in Eugene. Events will include Elementary School Education Tours, a Hands-On Seminar for Scaling and Quality of Lesser Species, Future Forestry Workers Career Day, Operators of the Year Presentation, and Advanced Driver Training that will provide advanced driver training for experienced drivers. This is a collision avoidance course with real-world examples to provide useful information for drivers to make informed, educated decisions on the roadways. The course ap-

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Water woes in Blue River

Community supply pipes are being “discovered” as town moves to rebuild

BLUE RIVER: The Holiday Farm Fire of 2020 removed all traces of fences and other unofficial landmarks commonly used to mark property boundaries. That caused Lane County to launch a retracement survey in “downtown” Blue River to relocate section corners, quarter-section corners, and one-sixteenth corners - all determined to be vital to the reestablishing property boundary lines.

However, determining the location of underground water “can be difficult” because they often don’t have a tracking wire, according to the operations manager at the Lane Electric Cooperative (LEC). That proved to be the case last Monday when a contractor working for the utility broke into a water line near the junction of Hwy. 126 and River Street.

April Matson, LEC’s public relations manager, said the contractors that work for the utility are all licensed and “handle issues like this independently, and we do not get billed.”

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Crews working on a septic system for the new McKenzie Valley Wellness medical clinic in Blue River were surprised when they hit a water district line along the highway frontage.

Roads blocked for “armed/menacing subject”

Police were able to take a man taken into custody without gunfire

MARCOLA: People traveling in the Marcola and Camp Creek areas on Monday afternoon were surprised to encounter police roadblocks. At about 4:30 p.m., Lane County Sheriff’s Office deputies responded to a report of menacing that occurred in the 37000 block of Parsons Creek Rd., Marcola. Motorists were stopped from accessing the area after spike strips were placed on the roadway near the Riverview Market and access along Camp Creek Road was blocked near McKenzie Fire & Rescues Station #2. Some motorists also reported traffic on 42nd Street was blocked up to Highway 126.

Police report the suspect, Shane Leroy Doyle, 51, had arrived at the location and pointed a firearm at several victims during a dispute. He then left in a vehicle.

While deputies were en route to the call, they spotted Doyle’s vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. Doyle pulled over, started driving again, and then stopped in the area of Marcola Road and Hayden Bridge Road. Doyle refused to comply with instructions to exit the vehicle.

Deputies were able to observe the interior of the vehicle from a distance by launching a Sheriff’s Office drone to scope out the scene. According to a press release, they were able to determine Doyle had a pistol, rifle, and a shotgun inside his vehicle. He reportedly was often seen holding the handgun or had it in the seat next to him.

Deputies with the LCSO Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) were also able to contact the suspect by phone. During

their phone conversations, they de-escalated Doyle from suicidal statements and threatening behavior. Eventually, negotiators were able to convince Doyle to comply with instructions and he surrendered to authorities.

After more than an hour of negotiation, police were able to safely take Doyle into custody. He was lodged at the Lane County Jail on four counts of Unlawful Use of a Weapon and four counts of Menacing.

A spokesman for the Lane County Sheriff’s Office said they would like “to thank the Oregon State Police and Springfield Police for their quick response to assist with bringing this call to a safe conclusion for all involved.”

Taking a look at The Meadow

Public input sought for future of donated property next to McKenzie Track

FINN ROCK: A sunny day offered a good draw for people who showed up last Saturday for an outdoor “Listening Session.” The Jones family donated the property for community uses that are still to be determined.

Some of the ideas aired on Saturday ranged from walking trails to low-impact housing, all to keep much of the site’s rural character.

Another Three Sisters Meadow Community Listening Session - this time indoors - is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. at the McKenzie Community School’s old gym, 51187 Blue River Drive. Area residents are invited to give input on the future of the Three Sisters Meadow property and learn about opportunities and parameters for future development - including wastewater and zoning.

During Saturday’s meeting, it was noted that development decisions will also influence recommendations on whether to change the property’s current industrial zoning designation to allow for residential or commercial uses.

To learn some of the history of the property, turn to Page 4.



Last Saturday, Brandi Crawford Ferguson, right, and Braden Ravenscraft helped people orient to some of the opportunities the Three Sister Meadow property might offer.



# Letters to the Editor

## Oregon’s highway freeze is not about the weather

The last segment of Oregon’s Interstate Highway system opened in 1982. One would think that since Oregon has a nationally prominent planning system, there would be efforts underway to plan for the next generation of great roads.

But that is not the case. Planners almost universally hate highways, so they have made sure that the Interstate system remains stagnant. Even where changes are being contemplated, such as a new I-5 bridge over the Columbia River, they are not designed to address growth.

The Interstate Bridge Replacement Project, now in its 26th year of planning, will have no effect on traffic congestion because it doesn’t add capacity. We will still have only two bridges over the Columbia River in the Portland region.

What we need is several new bridges, with at least one providing a direct, high-speed connection to HWY 26 on the west side. We need new bridges and highways for the same reasons that cities eventually need new streets – you can’t pack every urban activity into one small area.

The Oregon Transportation Commission is determined to impose highway tolls without provid-

ing motorists with new highways. This is the wrong approach. If the Commission wants public support, it should start planning for the new roads the public wants.

John A. Charles, President and CEO of Cascade Policy Institute  
Portland

### Justice for Animals

Like other prejudicial “isms,” speciesism unjustly assigns an inferior status to animals, treating them as mere tools, food, fabric, or toys. So, for Justice for Animals Week (February 18-24), let’s pledge to go vegan.

Our fellow Earthlings have remarkable abilities. Cows display the ability to learn different tasks quickly, deduce the location of a hidden moving object, exhibit long-term memory, and recognize humans from one another. Experts in chicken behavior say that these birds can show empathy, count, anticipate upcoming events, and demonstrate willpower.

Rejecting speciesism means respecting animals and working to end their exploitation and abuse. A fantastic place to start is by going vegan. Embracing vegan foods benefits animals by reducing the demand for their meat, eggs, and milk. It also supports healthy human bodies and is the most powerful thing we can do to address the climate catastrophe.

Other animals are not objects that



## Briefs...

### Free fishing

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regulation changes, especially for salmon and steelhead fishing. You can also find in-season changes in the Recreation Report Fishing Report, click the zone where you want to fish, and then click the “Regulation Updates” tab.

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### Logging

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plies to drivers of any vehicle but does provide specific truck driver collision avoidance training as well. And don’t forget to take in the popular log loader competition. More information at [www.oregonloggingconference.com](http://www.oregonloggingconference.com) or call (541)686-9191

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### Golfing

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fers an incredible mix of postcard vistas and championship golf. Tokatee Golf Club is easily walkable, with memorable holes that are inspired by their aesthetics and reward their strategic quality. Call, email, or go online to book your tee time now: 541-

## Guest Opinion

### Make time for healthy habits

February is American Heart Month, a time to recognize that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, especially in the African American community. African Americans are 30% more likely to die from heart disease than non-Hispanic whites. However, African Americans can successfully prevent and beat these diseases by understanding the risks and taking steps to address them. Being physically active, eating healthy, not smoking, and finding healthy ways to deal with stress are all ways we can improve our heart health now and in the future. For me, that means hiking in the mountains or walking my dogs around Green Lake in Seattle.

As the Deputy Regional Director for HHS, I know many Oregonians rely on life-saving medicines to keep their hearts healthy and improve their quality of life. For patients with cardiovascular disease, prescription drugs can be expensive. Many patients with heart disease may also have other chronic conditions that come with high costs, such as diabetes. As HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra often says, medication is only effective if you can afford it. Under a new law, the Inflation Reduction

Act, the Medicare program, can, for the first time, negotiate a fair price for certain prescription drugs taken by millions of beneficiaries. This year the Secretary selected the first ten high-cost medicines for negotiation, including five that treat cardiovascular disease or prevent complications that impact the heart. Drugs selected for negotiation include Xarelto and Eliquis, drugs taken to prevent blood clots that can lead to a heart attack or stroke, which together are taken by more than 60,000 Oregonians with Medicare.

Oregonians don’t have to wait for the drug price negotiations to see lower costs, they can get relief right now thanks to additional benefits in the law that lower prescription drug costs for Medicare Part D beneficiaries, including a policy that caps out-of-pocket pre-

scription drug costs for Medicare Part D beneficiaries. Learn about these new benefits at [lowerdrugcosts.gov](http://lowerdrugcosts.gov).

So, if you can, make time for that hike, play with your dog a little longer, or eat those extra vegetables. And for those of you who pair those healthy habits with medication, learn how the Inflation Reduction Act makes prescription drugs less expensive and more accessible. During American Heart Month, add an extra step towards a healthy heart!

Priya Helweg is the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Deputy Regional Director for Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and 272 Federally Recognized Tribes.

### Quote of the Week

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

John Quincy Adams

## Letters to the Editor



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

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McKenzie Valley Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 58 Low: 45	Santiam Pass Sct Snow Showers 30% chance precip High: 32 Low: 26	McKenzie Valley Rain 80% chance precip High: 55 Low: 44	Santiam Pass Snow 70% chance precip High: 38 Low: 30	McKenzie Valley Showers 40% chance precip High: 57 Low: 40	Santiam Pass AM Snow Showers 50% chance precip High: 40 Low: 27



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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
2/6	46	37	0.01	1,205 cfs	2/6	50	42	0.52	9,170 cfs
2/7	45	38	0.10	3,039 cfs	2/7	48	39	0.37	8,700 cfs
2/8	43	38	0.21	3,002 cfs	2/8	49	40	0.13	7,950 cfs
2/9	41	37	0.12	3,058 cfs	2/9	50	39	0.11	7,480 cfs
2/10	49	31	0	3,002 cfs	2/10	44	34	0.06	7,050 cfs
2/11	47	36	0.13	3,002 cfs	2/11	56	35	0	6,670 cfs
2/12	48	39	0.08	2,929 cfs	2/12	53	41	0.02	6,420 cfs



Sheriff's Report

**Feb. 3: 7:08 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. Milepost 4. Several drivers got into a dispute after being cut off. The caller believed they were then being followed, however the other vehicles stopped following the caller once in Marcola.

**Feb. 5: 9:30 a.m:** Violation of Restraining Order - 55500 blk, Drury Dr.

**8:38 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 36300 blk, Sherra Ln.

**10:07 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. & HF Williams Rd.

**10:29 p.m:** Weapon, Shots Fired - 92200 blk, Savage St.

**10:46 p.m:** Dog Bite - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

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**Feb. 6: 1:15 p.m:** Down Line - 36900 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**1:40 p.m:** Unlawful Use of Vehicle - Shotgun Creek BLM maintenance site.

**3:32 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - Deerhorn Rd. Milepost 4.

**3:35 p.m:** Animal Complaint - 38100 blk, A St.

**4:23 p.m:** Theft - Terwilliger

Hot Springs. Citizen self report of a purse being stolen out of a car at the Hot Springs and then used at various stores.

**5:48 p.m:** Down Line - 8200 blk, Thurston Rd.

**6:05 p.m:** Criminal Mischief - 87700 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Report of a line crew ruining a tree and leaving a mess in their yard while fixing lines. Advised to contact the utility company first.

**Feb. 7: 2:44 a.m:** Injured Animal - Marcola Rd. & Maple Ln.

**10:52 a.m:** Subpoena Service - 90000 blk, Marcola Rd.

**11:17 a.m:** Fraud - 88700 blk, Buckpoint Way. Deputy took a report of fraud involving the victim's bank account.

**6:09 p.m:** Burglary - 51400 blk, Blue River Dr. Initial report of a burglary that was later determined to be a civil issue.

**Feb. 8: 2:44 a.m:** Injured Animal - Marcola Rd. & Maple Ln.

**10:52 a.m:** Subpoena Service - 90000 blk, Marcola Rd.

**1:07 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Conley Rd.

**2:11 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Conley Rd.

**4:19 p.m:** Assist Outside Agency - 91600 blk, Burton Dr.

**Feb. 9: 12:54 a.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

**10:14 a.m:** Criminal Mischief - 88900 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.

**10:32 a.m:** Incomplete 911 Call - 8200 blk, Thurston Rd.

**12:12 p.m:** Traffic Complaint - Shotgun Creek Rd. & Dollar Rd.

**12:43 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

**1:31 p.m:** Vehicle Stop -

Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

**1:58 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

**3:30 p.m:** Theft - 55400 blk, McK. Hwy. Items were stolen from victim's residence while gone from the area.

**3:54 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Camp Creek Rd. & Gemstone Rd. A male left a bicycle and helmet in the area. Deputy observed the involved and determined not suspicious.

**8:56p.m:** Violation of Restraining Order - 90400 blk, Sunderman Rd.

**Feb. 10: 9:26 a.m:** Animal at Large - 89800 blk, Greenwood Dr.

**2:15 p.m:** Person Stop - Crooked Creek staging site.

**1:13 p.m:** Person Stop - Crooked Creek staging site.

**8:23 p.m:** Open Gate - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

**11:45 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 8900 blk, Thurston Rd.

**Feb. 11: 9:41 a.m:** Welfare Check - 91600 blk, Burton Dr.

**11:46 a.m:** Theft - 55400 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:46 p.m:** Assist Fire Department - 42700 blk, McK. Hwy.

**8:15 p.m:** Civil Service - 36600 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**Feb. 12: 5:28 a.m:** Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. Mp. 21.

**3:24 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 91500 blk, Dearborn Island Rd.

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

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Feb. 5: 23:37:** 89000 block, Bridge St. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Feb. 7: 4:01:** 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Feb 8: 20:52:** 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**15:43:** 91000 blk, Burton Dr. Mutual Aid. Assisted UMFD.

**21:34:** 89000 blk, Rippling Way. False Alarm/Faulty Alarm. Assisted home owner with alarms.

**Feb. 9: 9:53:** 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

**12:05:** McK. Hwy. Milepost 30. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury, Blocking

**Feb. 11: 0:11:** 8900 blk, Thurston Rd. Assist Police. Patients Assessed, Refusals Obtained.

**0:68:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal.

**13:43:** 38000 blk, Flowerdale Dr. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

**16:38:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patients Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

**Feb. 12: 5:22:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Transported.

This month, McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center,

42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**Feb. 1: 18:14:** House Fire - 45000 block, McK. Hwy. Heavy smoke from back of house, fire in the attic.

**Feb. 2: 17:02:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - MP08 Clear Lake Cutoff. White Sprinter type van off the side of the road. Lights were on, pieces on the side of the road. Complainant didn't see anyone.

**Feb. 3: 12:03:** Illegal Burn - Foley Ridge Rd./McK. Hwy. Small camp fire, left unattended near the side of the road. Caller put water on it but still smoldering.

**Feb. 5: 13:25:** Medical - 52000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**22:53:** Medical - 55000 blk, McK. River Dr.. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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# The Three Sisters Meadow was once the site of two mills



Cliff Richardson shared some of the history of the old mill site.

Last Saturday people had a chance to add to their local knowledge storehouse thanks to a review of some of the background for a property they might often pass by. As Cliff Richardson explained two mills once occupied the site that is now the home to the McKenzie Community Track and Field complex and the Three Sisters Meadows parcel.

Back before the 1960's, when Highway 126 was reconstructed to run through the site, it had extended to the river and was home to a sawmill started by the Armstrong Lumber Company and a green veneer plant set up by Forest Soloman. And although some people may have been concerned industrial operations are too often tied to pollution, Richardson said that wasn't the case here because as a "green veneer" plant, the facility wasn't involved in laying up and gluing plywood sheets together. Instead the trimmed veneer was shipped off to different plywood plants for that final step in the process.

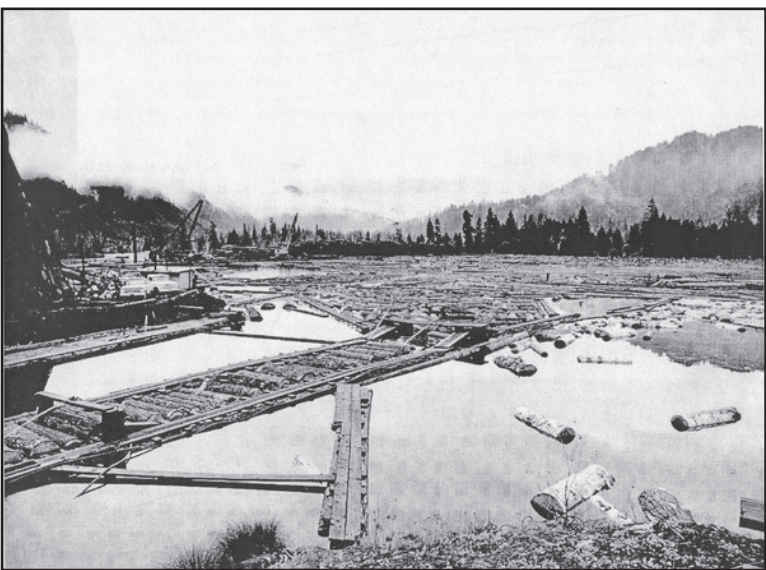
And, after the mills shut down there's a story that the site's future

was decided by a coin toss.

As the tale goes, there was interest within the timber industry to help keep the site as an industrially-zone parcel. With that in mind, the owners of Seneca Sawmill and Rosboro Lumber decided to toss a coin to see who would shepherd the property. As the loser, Seneca took on that role.

Other changes occurred about 42 years ago, involving a U.S. Forest Service road project that generated a lot of fill material. That dirt was hauled to the site and used to fill in close to 3/4 of the old mill pond. That area, on the west end of the property, is now the site of the Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track venue, donated by the Jones family in the 1990's.

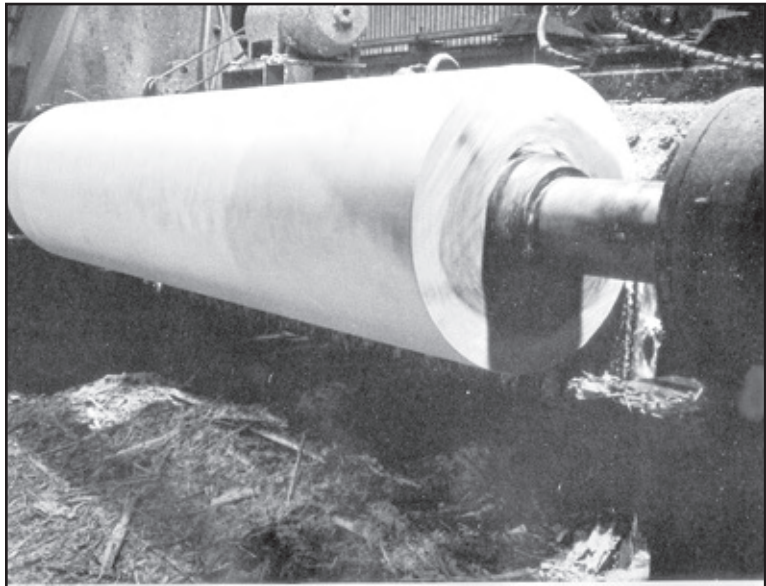
In 2021, the remaining 16-acre parcel was generously donated to the Blue River Community by Becky, Jody, and Kathy Jones, owners of The Seneca Family of Companies. They are not only the daughters of Aaron and Marie Jones but are also the namesake for the "Three Sisters Meadow."



Most of the mill pond on the property has been filled in to about 1/4 of how it appeared when in operation.



A closer look at the operations.



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By Slim Randles

Ya know, I swear if somebody comes up with a concretation that included sucking dirty rocks, ol' Mame the dame would sign up.

Now don't git me wrong, I think Mamie Dilworth is a nice lady, and I enjoy seein' what she's up to next, ya know? She can't cook ... gives ya raw fish when you go over there ... but she has a perty nice smile and I can take it, ya know.

So she told me jest t'other day to git ready, cuz we're goin' out for goat yoga.

Well, natcherly I mentioned I'd had blueberry and strawberry, but goat-flavored seemed a little bit past the ol' rabbit-proof fence. She said it weren't yogurt, But yoga ... you know, where people who live in them Tibetty-type mountains tie theirselves in knots and hum to their belly buttons?

Yeah, them guys.

So I gits in the car with her and we go to a little farm outside-a town and there was some more women there puttin' their hands together and bowin' to each other, and then the head yogurt lady says positions! Well, I turned around and put my hands on the corral fence and spread my legs, but that weren't what ol' Yogurtina had in mind. Them ladies all laid down to do push ups, and this helper girl opened the chute and let in the goats. Little baby pigmy kinda goats. And them little boogers each of 'em jumped on a woman's back and went to dancin' 'round.

Honest.

If I'm lyin' may I wake up as a student in law school and have to eat raspberry torts. And change my name from Windy to Justin. Yessir, And them ladies was gigglin' and push upp'in' and then ol' Yogurtina says Downward-facing dog! Yes she did. And the ladies stuck their butts in the air like a stink bug and the goats went to prancin' around on top of 'em and underneath 'em, and I tell ya, it was somethin' to see.

OK now, ladies, yells Yogurtina, let's PLANK! Down they go on their bellies again, with a comflagatory of goats leapin' all over 'em.

On the ride home, ol' Mame says to me if I understood this here goat yoga and what I thought of it. She wanted me to do it with 'em next time.

I told her I already did the super magnum goat yoga thingie and I were less than enthusiastical 'bout it.

I 'splained jest how I'd jest went from downward-facin' dog to flat plankin' in the arena and that bull had landed on me and I'd landed in the hospital for four days and I thought I'd given that kinda exercise 'bout all it was gonna get outa me.

And you can tell 'em I said so.

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# Gardening Tips



## Difficult houseplants sometimes just need understanding



Mary Stewart

By Nicole Sanchez

Some houseplants seem unhappy no matter how much care and nurturing they get from their owners. Often, our homes do not provide the preferred environment — bright light and high humidity.

Many plants have growth cycles attuned to day length and slow down during winter — even with artificial light. As with people, understanding the particular needs of some plants contributes to the difference between thriving and merely existing.

### Phalaenopsis orchid

Beautiful, long-blooming and affordable in recent years, popular exotic-looking orchids are sometimes treated as disposable (the blooming plant is comparable in cost to a fresh flower arrangement). After the blooms are done, these plants go into a dormant stage. Many new owners think they've failed the plant in some way, but the rest period is natural. After one to several months of reduced water and fertilizer, the orchid will show signs of rebirth: a thick, succulent new leaf or the white, fuzzy tip of a new root will emerge from the bark chips to cling to the side of the pot, signals to increase water and fertilizer.

Placing the plant in a window with soft light and cool night temperatures often induces new bloom on Phalaenopsis. Don't

repot into soil: the bark chips are more similar to the tree trunks these plants cling to in nature.

### African violet

These traditional favorites have a reputation, perhaps well deserved, as prima donnas of the houseplant community. It's well known that African violets require bright but filtered light, and that they prefer to be bottom-watered. Like many succulent-leaved plants, they're prone to overwatering, seemingly absorbing the extra moisture repeatedly until a sudden and complete collapse.

Placement of African violets can be challenging — they don't want to be too cold, like near a window. But also not too hot, like near the heater. And no fumes, and also no cold water on their leaves, please! These cause leaf spotting, which the plants must outgrow before looking decent again.

If a caretaker can provide all these African violet requirements, they'll be rewarded with long-lived, colorful blooms in stripes, ruffles, spots and other patterns.

### Maidenhair fern

The texture of this fern suggests a shady forest full of wonder and hidden creatures. Delicate, dissected leaves on dark, fragile stems come in pendulous and spiral forms, both absolutely gorgeous — until they dry out. One time. After that, maidenhair fern isn't so pretty anymore.

Considered cold-hardy in its natural habitat, in our homes this plant performs best with warm air and lots of humidity — maybe the bathroom of a large family, or in a kitchen window where spritzing it several times a day (as several care-related websites recommend) is realistically accomplished.

On the opposite end of the moisture-desiring spectrum from succulents, ferns thrive with high moisture on a regular basis and benefit from placement on top of a saucer of gravel and fresh water. Some overachievers even give their ferns long, warm showers in the people shower.

### Croton

Colorful leaves are the hallmark of this plant — from lemon yellow and bright green to deep reds and oranges with dark, almost black stripes or splashes. Several new croton varieties with deep reds and burgundies are expected to be especially popular this year. But stress-out that croton and those colorful leaves will let you know — by dropping off the plant overnight and in unison.

Croton stressors include being moved, cool air drafts, heated air drafts, drying out and possibly being looked at wrong (this last one is just a hypothesis). The key to croton happiness — and thus, retention of leaves — is consistent, unchanging, perfect conditions. Most likely with a humidifier nearby, especially when heating systems are running and drying out croton's air.

### Ficus

Like croton, tree Ficus respond poorly to life stressors such as moving, changes in moisture or temperature, and the like. These high-light plants can live for decades in the right spot — which is not near the front door or up against a cold window.

Rubber plant, another member of the Ficus genus with larger, rubbery leaves, can tolerate lower light and is more resilient but has a chunkier profile, not the graceful, weeping arcs that make tree Ficus so popular. Ficus tend to be heavier feeders than many houseplants, so caretakers should plan to keep them well-nourished.

Some plants need more care than others. Understanding the needs of the individual is key to success. These “needy” plants are perfect for the person up for their unique challenges.



# Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



## SECRETS OF GRANDMA'S QUILT

The long, dark evenings of winter seemed an ideal time for pioneer homemakers to engage in much of their sewing and quilt making. My Nanny and Auntie were no exception. I have memories of quilting with them on their Trails End Farm, during the daytime and evening while the wind and snow swirled outside.

When I was about eight years old, Nanny decided she was going to make quilts for the four children in our family. When I was visiting her and Auntie at their farmhouse, I helped her with the quilt that became mine. We sat beside the kitchen woodstove, cut and stitched patches into quilts. I was so pleased when, years later, my mom found that old quilt. Though well worn, it remained in salvageable condition.

For me the quilt holds secrets. Many of the fabrics came from printed flour and chicken feed sacks, popular in that era. Some I recall from dish and hand towels my aunt used. Others were made into potholders. Of course, they were ideal for inexpensive quilting fabrics. I also made my first apron and skirt (4-H projects) from feed sacks.

My grandfather, in his journals, wrote about his mother making quilts and attending quilting bees with neighbor ladies.

Recipes for Quilting Days  
**SEVEN LAYER SALAD** - Make ahead of time and serve with soup and hot bread or rolls. Salad ingredients can vary, depending on what you have on hand.

Tear one head of lettuce and arrange in a 9 x 13-inch pan. Layer the following ingredients in this order:

- \* 1 cup chopped celery
- \* 1 sliced green pepper
- \* 1 cup sliced onion
- \* 1 cup grated carrots
- \* 10-oz. package peas, slightly cooked
- \* 1/2 package bacon, cooked and crumbled

Spread 2 cups mayonnaise over salad. (Use light mayonnaise or salad dressing, if desired.) You also can use less if you want.)

Top with 4 ounces grated Cheddar cheese. (This can be the low fat variety.) Refrigerate overnight, or 8-10 hours before serving.

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(Mary Emma Allen, who grew up on a farm, often writes about nostalgic and Inspirational topics.)

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## Community Notes

### February 15 Leaburg Food Pantry

The Leaburg Food Pantry will be open from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at the McKenzie Bible Fellowship, 45061 McKenzie Hwy. All are welcome. Please send folks.

### February 15 Three Sisters Meadow

A Three Sisters Meadow Community Listening Session is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. at the McKenzie Community School’s old gym, 51187 Blue River Drive. Community members are invited to give input on the future of Three Sisters Meadow property, and learn about opportunities and parameters for future development - including wastewater and zoning.

### February 17&18 Free Fishing weekend

No fishing/shellfish licenses or tags (including a Combined Angling Tag, Columbia River Basin Endorsement, Two-Rod Validation or Rogue-South Coast Steelhead Validation/Tag) are required. Both Oregon residents and nonresidents can fish for free. All other fishing regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size restrictions. See the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for rules and remember to check for any in season regulation changes, especially for salmon and steelhead fishing.

### February 17 Dime At A Time

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

### February 19 Kids Eat Free

Kids eat free every Monday (with adult meal purchase) at Craig’s Lucky Logger Restaurant & Henry’s Bar, 39297 McKenzie Hwy. Takeout, Dine-in, Outdoor seating (541) 726-9088.

### February 19 McK Fire & Rescue Board

The McKenzie Fire District Board meeting will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy. Dor information call 541-896-3311.

### February 20 Board of Commissioners

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### February 20 Family Story Time

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

### February 21 Board of Commissioners

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### February 21 Watershed Wednesday

Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Join 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.

### February 21 Cornhole League

The Upper McKenzie Cornhole League mmets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 54745 McKenzie River Dr. Join in for some free Cornhole fun at the Upper McKenzie Community Center. Bag tossings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Bring some snacks to share.

### February 21 Upper McK Fire Board

The Upper McKenzie Fire District Board meets from 7 to 8 pm at 56578 McKenzie Hwy, in McKenzie Bridge., 541-822-3479

### February 21 Wacky Wed. BINGO

Craig’s Lucky Logger Restaurant & Henry’s Bar, 39297 McKenzie Hwy. Cards go on sale at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm. Call 541-726-9088 for reservations in the morning - spots fill up quickly. Burger and brew special all day!

### February 21 McKenzie School Board

The McKenzie School District board meeting (5:30 to 7:30 p.m.) will held at 51187 Blue River Dr. It will also be live-streamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@mckenzieschooldistrict6756/> streams. Submit Public Comments to [public.comment@mckenziesd.org](mailto:public.comment@mckenziesd.org) comments submitted

before noon on the day prior to the meeting will be presented to the Board for review and submission to the meeting

### February 22-24 OR Logging Conference

TheOregonLoggingConference will be held at the Lane Events Center, 796 W 13th Ave, Eugene with the theme of “Faith, Family & Forest Management – getting back to our roots.” Call 503-917-9205 to order tickets.

### February 23 McK Chamber of Commerce

The board of the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Board will hold a virtual meeting from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The board meets every third Friday of the month via Zoom. To sign up for a link to the meeting, contact: [info@mckenziechamber.com](mailto:info@mckenziechamber.com)

### February 24 Dime At A Time

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

### February 24 Tokatee Opening Day

The Tokatee Golf Club is inviting people to their Opening Day - from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. - for a round of golf and a good meal afterward. Call, email, or go online to book your tee time now: 541-822-3220, [proshop@tokatee.com](mailto:proshop@tokatee.com). 54947 McKenzie Hwy. in Rainbow.

### February 24 Destination Creation

People who would like to turn their business into a unique destination that customers go out of their way to visit are invited to apply for the Destination Creation Course, a nationally recognized training program for small businesses to become “can’t miss” consumer destinations. A free event valued at \$800 (with breakfast & lunch provided) will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Vida McKenzie Community Center, 90377 Thomson Lane. For more information, and to be placed on the invitation list, contact Melissa Prestinario: [melissa@raincatalysts.org](mailto:melissa@raincatalysts.org)

### February 26 Spfd School Board

The Board of Directors meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (except July) at 7 p.m. 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 Schools Administration Building, 640 A Street in Springfield.

### February 27

### Family Story Time

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

### February 27 Board of Commissioners

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### February 27 McK Food Pantry

The McKenzie River Food Pantry is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy. Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution for those in need.

### February 28 Watershed Wednesday

Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Join 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.

### February 28 Lane Electric Board

Lane Electric Coop Board of Directors will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at 787 Bailey Hill Road in Eugene. Members of the Lane Electric Cooperative can join monthly board meetings. Each meeting begins with a member comment period. Individual members have three minutes to address the board at that time. Topics presented will be discussed amongst the board and followed up on accordingly. If you wish to address the Lane Electric board please complete a meeting request form at least five days prior to the meeting you would like to attend. <https://laneelectric.com/attend-a-board-meeting>

### February 28 Board of Commissioners

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### March 2 Dime At A Time

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### April 6 VMCC Grand Opening

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

After three and ½ years of planning and fundraising, Vida McKenzie Community Center is opening its doors to the public on April 6th at 2 p.m. for a Grand Opening Celebration. There will be wines to taste, offered by McKenzie Crest Winery; non-alcoholic beverages; delicious appetizers; live music played by Kimberly Reeves Parker on VMCC’s beautiful baby grand piano; and at 3 p.m. there will a drawing of the winning ticket for a \$1,000 Jerry’s Home Improvement Shopping Spree.

Mark your calendars so you do not miss this pivotal event. For more information, go to [vidacommunitycenter.com](http://vidacommunitycenter.com).

### Paver Sales Remain Open

The Vida McKenzie Community Center will continue to offer opportunities to buy engraved pavers for their patio. As a fundraiser, continuing sales will support the completed work and provide for additional enhancements. As batches of new paver purchases are made, the engraver will furnish and install the newly etched pavers. Call 541-953-3440 or [willmarlys@gmail.com](mailto:willmarlys@gmail.com).



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Lane County Parks Advisory Committee

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Mon Feb 12th 7:00pm - 10:00pm

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Tue Feb 13th 8:30am - 2:00pm

Tiny Dental Van

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MCKENZIE RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tue Feb 13th 9:00am - 10:00am

McKenzie River Tourism Committee

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee meets via Zoom every Second Tuesday of every month. Please join us

Tue Feb 13th 10:00am - 11:00am

Family Story Time

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Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 12 degrees at the base and 20 degrees at the summit on Tuesday. Two inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 73 inches. Another epic day was unfolding under calm, clear skies with 360 degrees of 100% open terrain. All 122 trails were open, along with qq of 12 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.



**A Moment  
in Oregon  
History**

By Rick Steber  
(www.ricksteber.com)

**February 16** - The federal government granted the Paiute Indians of Southeastern Oregon nearly two million acres of reservation land. The Bannock-Paiute War erupted in 1877 and many members of the tribe abandoned the reservation. The war ended quickly and the surviving Paiutes were rounded up and sent to several other western reservations. The federal government took back the Paiute reservation and threw the land open to settlement. In 1937 the government moved the remaining 150 Paiutes into 23 houses located on 800 acres of government land northwest of Burns. No additional government support was provided.

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Water woes

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That’s now a point of contention between the Blue River Water District and McKenzie Valley Wellness (MVW), the non-profit that is building a new medical clinic in Blue River.

On November 27th, excavators working on a new septic system for the clinic broke into an old water main in an area where a public street had been located decades ago. The break was quickly repaired but who was to blame hasn’t yet been determined.

The MVW board claims when they did a title search of the property they found no easement for the water line.

In addition, the contractors say they checked with the Oregon Utility Notification Center (OUNC) before digging and weren’t warned of an underground pipe in that area.

While the water district isn’t subject to the OUNC’s authority they are subject to state and federal laws that regulate the requirements for a utility to provide locates for digging parties.

Because there’s a possibility of litigation members of the Blue River Water Board have declined to comment. They do agree “that the best process for any person looking to dig on a piece of property would be to

contact the local utilities in your area and contact 811,” (which is the number for OUNC).

Other issues, besides cutting off water to other area residents and businesses, damaging a water line can involve some safety concerns.

Built in the dam building era when Cougar and Blue River dams were constructed, the Blue River Water District’s water lines appear to be made from asbestos-containing material (acb).

A concern with asbestos involves material that is “friable,” which when dry, can easily be crumbled or powdered by hand. When that happens, there’s a higher risk of releasing asbestos fibers into the air, where they can be inhaled and cause health issues. In contrast, non-friable asbestos materials are more tightly bound and aren’t easily released. However, acb’s can become friable if they are damaged or disturbed by cutting or sanding.

As this edition was going to press, there was a report of a new water line break that had occurred around 11 a.m. on Tuesday. No details were available, other than that the break was related to activity occurring in between the sites of the new clinic and the Upper McKenzie Fire District’s Blue River Fire Station, also under construction.



Repairs to the water main near the clinic may be in place until the system is upgraded - scheduled for 2025.

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Be careful - there’s another river blockage



The McKenzie River Guides Association is advising boaters to be cautious after receiving a report of a log spanning south side of the McKenzie River, just below Loloma Lodge in McKenzie Bridge.

Here’s a chance for a \$1,000 Jerry’s Home Improvement Shopping Spree

The Vida McKenzie Community Center and Jerry’s Home Improvement Center are joining forces to bring an opportunity to “shop ‘til you drop” while also supporting the VMCC. The lucky winner will receive a gift bag containing a Jerry’s tee shirt and hat plus a \$1,000 Jerry’s Home Improvement gift card.

Tickets are available by contacting Gerry Aster (541-896-3001, gerryaster@gmail.com) and are priced as follows: One ticket for

\$25, three tickets for \$60 and ten tickets for \$100. If people pay by credit card, there will be a 3% fee, so the full value of their purchase goes to the VMCC.

The winning ticket will be drawn at VMCC’s April 6<sup>th</sup> Grand Opening Celebration at the newly constructed Vida McKenzie Community Center building (90377 Thomson Lane, Vida). People don’t need to be present to win.

Questions? Call or email Gerry Aster

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