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\$6 million helping fire departments "staff up"

Grant funds awarded to McKenzie and Upper McKenzie



UMRFD

Thanks to the state grant, the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire District has added four temporary seasonal firefighters who will fill out the ranks through 2022

To boost capacity within the Oregon fire service, the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) has awarded \$6 million in grants to Oregon's structural fire service agencies to hire fire fighting staff during the 2022 wildfire season.

The money was awarded to 180 local fire districts and departments across the state. As part of the OSFM's Response Ready Oregon Initiative, the grant program was available to all 306 local fire districts and departments.

The Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District received a staffing grant to hire temporary seasonal firefighters. "This is specifically for response to our community and will increase our ability to keep small fires small," according to UMRFD Chief Rainbow Plews.

"The selection process has happened and I am happy to introduce our summer crew," Plews added in naming Jess Boykin, Jose Ramirez-Solano, Vinny Tafoya, Luke Callahan, and Lemont Southworth. "We are fine-tuning the schedule as most are working around other jobs and personal summer plans. They will all be working part-time," Plews says. "We are super excited to have extra capacity to respond to summer incidents. Thank you, OSFM."

With the additional funding, McKenzie Fire & Rescue has hired two seasonal firefighters and a spokesman said the district, "Will use remaining funds to bring on additional personnel during extreme fire danger."

"Our office has heard from multiple fire chiefs across Oregon

who say this funding will have a profound, positive impact in communities across the state," Oregon State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple said. "Agencies will be able to have additional paid firefighters at the ready during these critical summer months. This will help to keep fires small and away from communities."

Besides bolstering capacity within the Oregon fire service and the Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System. The goal of Response Ready Oregon is to attack fires while they are small and keep them away from communities. Officials say the grant awards will also help to mobilize the Oregon fire service to incidents like wildfire and floods while helping protect Oregonians, their homes, and critical infrastructure.

New fire drone based in Nimrod

Holeman Station crews gain a versatile aerial tool

NIMROD: The Oregon Dept. of Forestry's South Cascade District has added a drone, based out of the Holeman Guard Station that will be used for a variety of missions. The quadcopter unit is fitted with both an infrared and an 8k camera.

Officials say the drone will be used primarily to detect fires, scout fire lines, observe fire behavior, and assist with fire investigations.

It can also hoist a 30-foot or 100-foot long line to deliver items to



the crews on fire lines. Officials say the drone could provide local agency assistance if requested.

Personnel using the drone will be flying from a marked vehicle and wearing fire season uniforms. They'd be happy to show and explain the drone as part of the South Cascade District's focus on customer service, early detection, and safe suppression, as well as keeping fires as small as possible.

Police nab suspect in Leaburg killing

LEABURG: A 71-year-old man is dead and a 37-year-old is in jail for his killing following a Friday night altercation at the deceased man's residence. According to Lane County Sheriff's reports shortly after 10 p.m. on Friday, July 8th, deputies received a call from a neighbor who had witnessed a dispute involving two males at a residence in the 44000 block of the McKenzie Highway. When police arrived on the scene responded and found Gary Stuart Coulter on the ground outside with severe injuries. He was transported by paramedics but died a short time later.

Investigators identified 37-year-old Nickolas Trevor Jessee as a person of interest in the assault turned homicide. They believed he had fled the area before they arrived at the property, but believed he could still be in the area.

Jessee was described as a white male, around 5' 9" tall, weighing about 170 pounds. Police learned he had been staying at the victim's house on the McKenzie Highway recently.

While the search was ongoing, officials warned the public to re-



Nickolas Trevor Jessee

train from picking up hitchhikers, and to report any suspicious activities.

Although Jessee had fled the scene in a vehicle he returned a short time later, before leaving the area again - this time on foot.

On Saturday morning at about 10:30 a.m. a deputy located him a short distance off of the highway approximately a quarter of a mile to the west of Coulter's residence.

Jessee was taken into custody without incident and ultimately was lodged at the Lane County Jail on charges including Murder in the 2nd Degree.

Large wood in streams?

Logs and trees benefit more than fish

Until the 1980s, pulling logs and trees out of streams was widely promoted across North America. Today, millions of dollars are invested every year to put sections of large wood back in streams. Supporters of the new approach say important benefits include the geomorphology of channels, stream discharge, sediment deposits, and habitat for fish. Yet, little is known about

the role of large wood in streams for wildlife ranging from birds to large mammals.

Recent research results from studies conducted by two Oregon State scientists has documented wildlife and animal activities at several log complexes along Rock Creek, a Willamette River tributary just west of Corvallis. On the HJ Andrews Experimental Forest in

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Powering across the McKenzie River at Silver Creek wasn't a problem for a herd of elk. Deer, though, are the most frequently seen mammals taking advantage of areas where large wood deposits occur in waterways.



By Ken Engelma

River Reflections was launched by my wife, Louise, 44 years ago.

We met while she was working at the Holiday Farm Resort where I was roofing the buildings. After falling in love and getting married in 1978, she told me she wanted to publish a local paper that would include items about the area's history and personalities - and everything in between. As a result, McKenzie River Reflections was born on our dining room table and was printed on the big web press at the Springfield News.

Much has happened in the interim. I lost my beloved wife and partner to Alzheimer's complicated by diabetes in 2020. This week, after delays related to COVID restrictions, I was finally able to get together with her brother and family to spread her ashes.

An act like that certainly brings meaning to the word closure. It is not the word I've chosen for the

future of River Reflections.

Regular readers have learned the cost of printing this paper went up considerably after the company we worked with announced that they would no longer print newspapers - as of July 1st. Another company is now producing Reflections on their industrial newsprint press. However, the costs involved are too high to be sustainable.

Last week's hard copy edition (and this one) were both printed in full color. That will be only a short-term improvement, thanks to an advertiser who paid extra for color 1/2 page ads. (Digital subscribers didn't notice any difference because they have been receiving a "color enhanced" version for several years.)

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Letters to the Editor

Buying food locally has host of benefits

Summer is in full swing and with that comes cookouts and gatherings where food is featured. As you plan your menu, keep local farmers in mind.

Buying locally-produced food strengthens the local economy. According to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, on average, every \$100 spent at locally-owned businesses results in \$45 flowing back into the local community. This is much higher than the \$14 that stays in the community when we spend our \$100 at a business that isn't locally owned.

More customers are now choos-

ing to purchase their food from farmers' markets, farm stands, local meat processors, and Community Supported Agriculture programs. These purchases favor local farmers over intermediary food corporations. When we eliminate the middleman, the farmer and consumer both win.

Much of this change is taking place in the meat sector. During the COVID-19 pandemic, local meat processors saw a historic demand for their services due to disruptions at larger packing plants. Local customers give small farmers an alternative to selling to the big factories and the chance to establish a connection with people who want a high-quality product.

The local meat processor also benefits and spurs the local economy from the increased business.

Though highlighted by the pandemic, the desire for local food has been increasing in the past decade, according to the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Among the reasons is the nutritional benefit. Because they are able to be harvested, sold, and transported in a shorter period of time, customers are learning fresh fruits and vegetables purchased locally are fresher, healthier, and more flavorful.

Whether preparing for a summer gathering or a weeknight meal, customers who purchase locally can be confident that what they are getting is good for their community and their wallet.

Tim Mussack
Center for Rural Affairs
Lyons, NB

New health worker at Orchid

BLUE RIVER: The Orchid Health McKenzie River Clinic in Rainbow has hired Daisy Cruz as its new Community Health Worker.

Daisy holds a master's degree in business administration and technical management, along with ten years of experience in administrative work, customer service, and

marketing with startup medical organizations.

Orchid says that as a Community Health Worker, "Daisy will provide individualized support to help patients beyond the walls of Orchid's clinic. This includes outreach, transportation services, food care, and serving as a liaison between health and social services."

"I'm most excited about helping people in our community," Daisy says of starting her new role. "My family and I have lived in McKenzie Bridge for the past two years and am excited to be working locally."

When Daisy is not working, she enjoys spending time outdoors, boating, hiking, foraging, camping, and off-roading in the Oregon Coast Sand Dunes with her family.



Large wood

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Blue River, Ezmie Trevarrow and Ivan Arismendi did a similar study of large wood crossing areas, expanding the number of sites to about 30 along Lookout Creek. "We focused in summer only for logistical reasons of access to change batteries regularly," according to Arismendi.

Over a 12 month period their motion-triggered cameras documented up to 40 species including small mammals, aquatic and terrestrial birds, large carnivores, and semi-aquatic mammals. The most common animal activities included movement (68%), rest (18%), and food handling/eating (9%). Those results, they believe, suggests that large wood structures in streams act as lateral corridors connecting terrestrial habitats year-round for

wildlife.

Before the 1970s, land managers, recreationists, and the public considered large wood in rivers as undesirable and the removal of wood from streams was extensively promoted across the United States. However, the scientific and managerial perception towards large wood in streams has changed over time.

Mirroring the McKenzie River region, part of the Rock Creek basin is managed to provide drinking water to the city of Corvallis. In 2008, large wood structures were placed in the mainstem Rock Creek as a restoration effort to recruit gravel, increase channel complexity, promote winter food-plains, and create habitat for salmonids.

Among their 2,191 animal

activity detections, the researchers detected some unexpected species and activities. One was the image of a Golden Eagle, which is rarely seen in the Willamette region. In addition, two Mule Deer were observed being swept away after attempting to climb onto a log complex during a high flow event.

"This study reveals a hidden role of large wood in streams," said Trevarrow, who conducted the research as an undergraduate in the Honors College at Oregon State and is now a research associate at the University of Georgia. "The findings are valuable for land managers because they demonstrate additional value of restoration projects that involve wood placement into streams."

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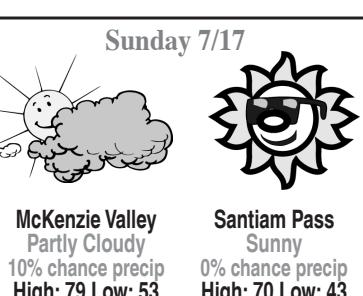
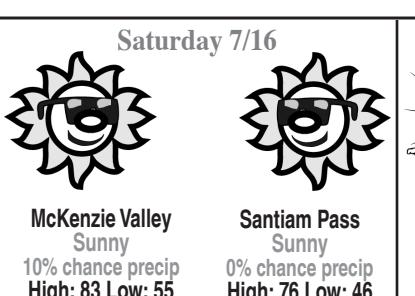
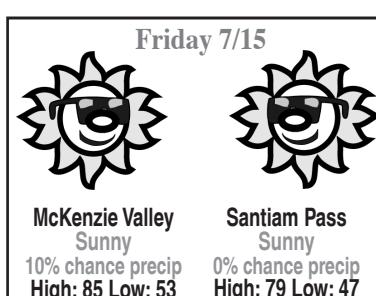
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WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM

Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases
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Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
7/5	72	57	0	309 cfs
7/6	72	59	0	308 cfs
7/7	75	59	0	309 cfs
7/8	80	51	0	309 cfs
7/9	81	55	0	309 cfs
7/10	84	53	0	304 cfs
7/11	91	61	0	304 cfs
7/12	95	58	0	5,040 cfs
7/13	82	50	0	3,900 cfs
7/14	85	50	0	4,580 cfs
7/15	79	45	0	4,550 cfs
7/16	84	56	0	4,200 cfs
7/17	96	56	0	4,050 cfs
7/18	95	58	0	3,930 cfs



Sheriff's Report

June 29: 8:31 a.m. Burglary - 92000 blk, Maple Ln. A real estate agent advised that two squatters were located staying at a property that the agent was listing.

2:05 p.m. Vandalism, Criminal Mischief - 56600 blk, N. Bank Rd. Someone knocked over a bunch of signs at an area lodge.

6:20 p.m. Suspicious Conditions - 91000 blk, Mill Creek Rd. Caller thought they heard a baby crying at a nearby care home. Deputies made contact and determined that the sound was actually people laughing.

July 1: 2:56 p.m. Disturbance, Dispute - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd. Verbal argument between the caller and her dad.

6:29 p.m. Threat, Harassment - 55200 blk, E. King Rd. A caller reported that a neighbor has been making false claims to try and get the caller in trouble with their employer.

July 2: 1:08 a.m. Loud Noise - 91000 blk, Sunderman Rd.

12:15 p.m. Suspicious Conditions - McK. Hwy. Mp. 29. A blue hatchback care abruptly pulled onto the shoulder of the highway and stopped. A male in a hospital gown got out of the vehicle and was waving his arms around and stumbling.

July 3: 8:16 a.m. Disturbance, Dispute - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr. Verbal argument between a

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boyfriend and girlfriend.

3:37 p.m. Welfare Check - 91600 blk, Alma Dr.

6:40 p.m. Menacing - 41800 blk, Madrone St. A male pointed a firearm at his ex during a domestic dispute. He was located and arrested on charges including Menacing APA and Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

8:58 p.m. Suspicious Conditions - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd. A former camp host that has since been trespassed from Shotgun Creek Park was seen slowly driving through the area.

July 4: 9:50 p.m. Illegal Fireworks - 92200 blk, Marcola Rd.

July 5: 12:53 a.m. Alarm - 91800 blk Mill Creek Rd.

11:19 am Unlawful Use of Vehicle - Camp Creek Rd. & MJ Chase Rd. A caller reported that someone he knows took two tractors, a dump truck, a pickup and a trailer. Deputies investigated and determined the matter to be civil in nature.

7:51 p.m. Driving Under Influence of Intoxicants. Marcola Rd. & Hill Rd. A deputy located a black Toyota Tundra driving over 100mph. The deputy conducted a traffic stop and determined the driver was intoxicated.

July 6: 4:16 p.m. Assist OR State Police - Rose St. & Blue River Dr.

6:25 p.m. Restraining Order Service - 89500 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.

7:01 p.m. Subpoena Service - 41800 blk, Madrone St.

3:43 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle - Pond Rd. & Quartz Creek Rd.

July 8: 5:39 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Alder Branch Rd.

July 9: 4:36 p.m. Stranded Boater - Lat: 044.065540. Long: -122.923536.

4:59 p.m. Suspicious Vehicle - Lat: 44.189581. Long: -122.971903.

July 10: 5:43 p.m. Welfare Check - Lat: 44.177704. Long: -121.911475.

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issued several violation citations. The vehicle was removed from the scene by towing company. Involved: green Honda CR, 29-year-old male.

July 6: 15:58: Crash, Injury - Trooper was dispatched to a single vehicle motor vehicle crash. Investigation revealed a black Ford F350 truck was traveling westbound when it left its lane of travel and entered the mud/grassy ditch. The Ford came to rest on its passenger side, driver side upright, facing westbound. Both occupants were transported to the hospital via ambulance. Operator was provided the crash report and issued citations applicable to the crash. Involved: 44-year-old male driver and 43-year-old female, both from Vida.

Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.

July 8: 0:44: 87000 blk, Collins Ln. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, No transport

12:04: Mp. 13, McK. Hwy. MVA. Non-Injury/Blocking.

19:52: 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Cancelled By Dispatch.

20:07: 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

22:25: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

July 5: 11:30: Medical - 54000 block, McK. River Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

20:54: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

July 7: 21:56: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

July 8: 19:51: Medical - 91000 blk, Mill Creek Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

July 9: 15:29: Medical - 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

July 10: 13:24: Medical - 56000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

The upper McK. Fire district board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 20th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.

State Police Report

July 1: 07:39: Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E & Canal Ln. Westbound trooper observed a vehicle driving east at a high rate of speed, checked their speed with the radar unit mounted in the patrol vehicle as 95 mph in a 55 mph zone. Trooper activated rear lights as the vehicle passed, attempting to stop the vehicle. The vehicle continued at a high rate of speed eastbound, passing two vehicles. Trooper attempted to catch up to the vehicle and noticed it had crashed into a telephone pole near Greenwood Drive. The driver was not injured in the crash and was

July 5: 11:14: 45000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

July 6: 0:48: 88000 blk, Twin Firs Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Refusal.

6:40: 88000 blk, Ross Ln. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.

7:07: 37000 blk, Camp Creek Road Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

15:58: McK. Hwy. Milepost 30. Motor Vehicle Accident. Patient Assessed 2 Transported.

13:27: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.

July 7: 12:50: 8300 blk, McK. Hwy. MVA. UTL, Disregarded En Route.

19:16: 45000 blk, Vida Park Ln.

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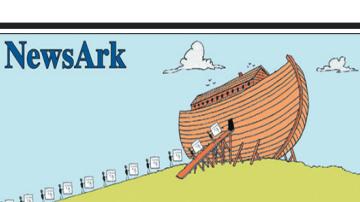
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High - 69 Low - 46

Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny - 20%
High - 58 Low - 32

McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy - 20%
High - 73 Low - 48

Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy - 20%
High - 64 Low - 37

McKenzie Valley Sct Showers - 30%
Partly Cloudy - 20%
High - 69 Low - 44

Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy - 20%
High - 60 Low - 33

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Training Center officially open



Fire takes Vida family's home

VIDA: Candles that were knocked over are the probable cause of a Monday fire that destroyed the Vida home of a family that has been with the McKenzie Valley Fire & Rescue's fire chief Date Ledvay said five engines and a brush rig were sent to #680 North Gate Creek where the call came in at 6:11 pm on March 31st. The location is the last home at the end of the very windy stretch of road. When 15 firefighters arrived on

Photo Courtesy Rick Thomson helped out, McKenzie Fire & Rescue board president Joe

LEABURG: McKenzie Fire & Rescue held a ribbon cutting ceremony at their new Training Center on Tuesday, April 8th. More than a hundred people attended the ribbon cutting and another 150 took advantage of a great open house.

Mckenzie Fire Chief, Date Ledvay, told those attending, "It has been my dream to build a training center so the department did not have to travel in the bays of the fire station. It is cold in winter and hot in summer - not the best place to put on a class."

The new facility was completed in February and was immediately put into operation by the department. Weekly drills and weekend classes are now held in the classroom.

Summer work planned for Hwy. 242

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: Snow plowing scheduled for May along Hwy. 242 didn't happen because of continuing winter weather. Starting in mid-April, however, the Oregon Dept. of Transportation plans to have a rotary plow clearing a single lane from Camp White Branch up to the first of three bridge slabs for opening the construction season, according to ODOT public affairs spokesman Joe Hartman.

"Crews plan to start working in May on replacing that bridge. It is very unlikely the west end of Hwy. 242 will be open for bike or vehicle traffic before Labor Day," Hartman said. "Once the first bridge is demolished and rebuilt, the contractor will head east to the second bridge and begin work on that."

Photo Courtesy Willamette National Forest

Work to both stabilize and widen a section of the Hwy. 242 at Dead Horse Grade was completed in 2007. An estimated 6,000 cubic yards of material was removed from the hillside and hauled to a disposal area near Scott Lake.

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



OSU Extension Service

Birds welcome variety in backyard feeders

Even in summer when there's plenty of sustenance from plants and insects, birds welcome the variety of seeds and nuts offered in bird feeders.

When putting out a banquet of supplemental food, high quality is essential, said Dana Sanchez, a wildlife specialist for Oregon State University Extension Service. Mixes with red millet, golden millet, flax seed, rape seed, and oats are a waste because birds will just kick those fillers out of the feeder, where they'll fall on the ground and attract unwanted visitors like rats. They'll also sprout and grow into undesirable plants.

Put black oil sunflower seeds top on the list because they attract so many different bird species, Sanchez said, including chickadees, black-headed grosbeaks, house sparrows, northern flickers, and song sparrows. To enjoy finches, offer their favored nyjer seed, also called thistle seed, in specialized feeders with openings small enough to hold the seed in and perfect for their tiny beaks.

Many birds — waxwings, grosbeaks, chickadees, and robins — love fruit, which can be put out on elevated platform feeders. But Sanchez warns that rotting fruit attracts wasps, so be prepared to replace the fruit with fresh often and use wasp traps.

Though people enjoy watching woodpeckers going at suet blocks, Sanchez said the fat-and-seed mixtures are best used in fall and winter when birds need the extra energy to keep warm.

"There are so many natural sources of food now, and in warm weather, suet goes bad quickly,



which is not good for birds," she said. "So if you have to have it, check it often and remove it as soon as it starts to smell."

Hummingbirds are a class unto themselves. These high-energy birds need a special diet high in sugar. To make your own, use a 4-to-1 ratio of water and sugar. Bring the mixture to a gentle boil for 1 minute. Let it cool and pour it into the feeder. Don't use red coloring, Sanchez said because it contains a dye that could possibly be dangerous. Colored feeders will attract hummingbirds and once they find them, they'll be back.

Cleaning all bird feeders once a week is essential. Moisture contributes to mold, which causes diseases transmitted on avian feet after perching on feeders. Discard any feed left in the feeder, scrub inside and out with a long-handled brush — available in different sizes and lengths at bird shops or online — and follow with a rinse of bleach solution at a ratio of 10 percent water to 1 percent bleach. Let it dry thoroughly before filling.

How you arrange feeders around the yard doesn't seem to matter to birds. In patio gardens or apartments, gathering them together in groupings is usually

the only option. A larger garden allows for more feeders and more areas for placement.

"You'll notice no matter how many ports you have, there will be competitions," Sanchez said. "It's a matter of 'Get off that perch; it's mine.' You'll see a lot of movement around."

Regardless of how many feeders you have and how you've arranged them around the yard, be sure to provide shrubs and trees for shelter from wind and predators.

"Birds at feeders are always on the lookout for danger," Sanchez said. "There are times when you put feeders where humans can see them, but birds won't use them if there's not a shrub nearby. Having food somewhat close to cover is a key consideration."

Birds need water, too. Serve it up in a shallow, flat-bottomed bowl with $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch of water. Place it in either sun or shade, clean it often and change the water daily or at least every other day.

To reduce the chance rats will visit your bird stations, keep seed off the ground, Sanchez said. If ground-feeding birds like doves, quail, and juncos are a favorite, experiment with elevating a platform feeder a bit off the ground and keep the area under it cleaned up. It may or may not work. Rats might still be able to access the feeder and birds might not.

Squirrels drive some people crazy with their tenacious — and often successful — attempts to steal bird food. Others enjoy their antics and put out peanuts, especially for them.

"I don't mind them," Sanchez said. "But some people find themselves in conflict with squirrels. A feeder is like an Eat at Joe's sign, a good place to hang out. And while they're there, they can do other activities like cache their food on the lawn or damage plants. Plus, these voracious little

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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



TEAPOT FASCINATION

As I clear the clutter in my home and make decisions about what to take with me as I move to my daughter's home, I give thought to my teapots. I've always been fascinated by tea parties and the accompaniments since my sister and I had tea parties for our dolls.

I've also found a photo of my granddaughter, at about age two, pouring tea for her grandfather as he tucked his legs under him and tried to sit at her little table.

My grandmother liked her tea ritual every afternoon about 3 o'clock. When my sister and I visited, Nanny, my two aunts, Sister and I sat around the kitchen table chatting and enjoying our afternoon snack.

When I visited my mom, in her later years, she usually wanted me to sit down and have a cup of tea as soon as I arrived.

Collecting Teapots

As writer Amy Palanjian says, "With a charming pot, teatime can be as magical as it was when you were six..

My daughter and I collect teapots and teacups, but don't have the place to display or store as I'd like. My aunt, I remember from childhood, collected teacups from her travels and displayed them in her china closet. (Do they still have china closets for "company" dishes nowadays?) Aunt Freda also placed the teacups on shelves with souvenir plates.

Teapots to Delight and Make a Tasty Brew

Teapots come in many shapes and styles. According to Susan Clotfelter, author of the Herb Tea Book, when you choose a teapot, "There are only two cardinal rules: It must please you and it must not drip."

Mary Engelbreit mentions,

in her delightful book, Time for Tea, that lusterware for tea items is her favorite, particularly the art deco type with a glaze that gives it a metallic shimmering quality. Throughout her book, Ms. Engelbreit has sketches of various types of teapots, teacups and tea accoutrements.

For fancy, formal occasions, you'll find tea served from silver teapots with curving spouts and handles. I remember from my days as a young Air Force wife attending teas where silver teapots adorned the table and ladies with gloves poured this beverage into dainty cups. (Perhaps that's no longer the style, but these were occasions that have remained in my mind.)

Tea Party Recipes

What you serve depends on what you like and the theme of your tea party occasion. You can have dainty, exotic, seasonal, ethnic, or your favorite foods.

WALNUT CAKE

Walnut cake is an old-fashioned family recipe. Cream together $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening and $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar; mix until light and fluffy. Add sifted dry ingredients (2 cups flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt, $2\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder) and $\frac{3}{4}$ -cup milk alternately with creamed mixture and 1-teaspoon vanilla. Add 1 cup chopped nuts. Fold in 4 stiffly beaten egg whites.

Bake in well greased and floured 9×13 -inch pan for 30 minutes at 350 degrees F. or until cake tests done.

Top with frosting or powdered sugar when done. Cut into squares and serve with tea.

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(*Mary Emma Allen enjoys tea and tea parties, along with collecting tea related items. E-mail: me.allen@juno.com*)

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Community Notes

The Irish Are Here

Activity at the McKenzie Community Track in Blue River will be a little different while the Irish National track team is using the facilities to train for the World Games. The public will be welcome to watch the team practice. Spectators will be asked to be respectful and not interfere with their workouts

July 16

Spring Flea Market

On Saturday, July 16th, the Vida McKenzie Community Center will host a Flea Market at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church in Walternville. People are invited to be a "vendor" by purchasing a "space" to sell new or used goods to the general public - and keep all profits.

The location is great for attracting buyers and VMCC will provide publicity, tables and a yummy snack bar to keep shoppers happy while they browse.

Contact Tammy Pelton regarding table fees and to reserve a space. Call 951-970-0176 for more information.

July 16

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.

July 18

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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July 9: 0:40: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Police Assist. Staged for assistance.

9:52: 38000 blk, Boscombe Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

11:00: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

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July 10: 9:51: 39000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

11:33: Deerhorn Rd./Mp. 4. Smoke Scare. Community member Barbecuing. Notified Dispatch.

19:19: 46000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, July 18th. 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.

McKenzie River Reflections

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

July 19

Need help with insurance?

MVLTRG and McKenzie Locals helping Locals. Meeting with the Oregon Dept of Consumer and Business Services is July 19th at McKenzie School in the new gymnasium. This is for filing insurance deadline and reductions of benefits complaint forms. We will be there from 2:30 to 6pm to answer questions and help you with filing your complaint.

July 20

Upper McK Fire Board

The will meet at 7p.m. 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge

July 21

Leaburg Food Pantry

Leaburg Food Pantry. Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 3 - 6 p.m. Behind the McKenzie Bible Fellowship Church, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

July 22

McK River Food Pantry

Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. Tues: 11 am - 1 pm, every 2nd & 4th Friday @ McKenzie High School (New Gym)

July 23 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.

July 25

Springfield School Board

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

Locals earn honors

A total of 7,150 Oregon State University have students earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the Spring 2022 Scholastic Honor Roll. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work. McKenzie Bridge area students on the honor roll include: Sophia K. Brownlee, Junior, Natural Resources; Galen O. Fox, Senior, Renewable Materials; Danielle M. Melcher, Junior, Pre-Forestry; and Alder G. Montes, Sophomore, Natural Resources; as well as Anna L. McNutt, Senior, Tourism, Rec, & Adventure Lead of Vida.

Coop is almost entirely women-led

also thank Hugh Buermann and Jack Billings for their impeccable service and wish them the best in retirement."

Lane Electric's board determines strategic plans, the general operating policies, electric rates, and the annual operating budget for the cooperative. Seven board members are elected from four board districts and serve three-year terms. Those districts are the Central, McKenzie, Row River District, and Oakridge.

"Not only is Lane Electric an exemplary cooperative utility, it's also a trailblazer in our industry," said Ted Case, Executive Director of Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association. "It's a changing industry and Lane Electric not only reflects that change, it is making history."

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association – the trade association for America's 900 electric co-ops – believes Lane Electric may be among the first in electric co-ops to have this percentage of female leaders.

Backyard feeders

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animals eat a lot of expensive food."

To thwart them, Sanchez recommends using baffles, which are half-moons of plastic that go above a feeder. Though some people insist it doesn't work, putting feeders on a pole hanger in the middle of the lawn can stop

squirrels from reaching the food. There are also feeders surrounded by cages that will fall with the weight of a squirrel and cover the feeder's holes but stay in place for the more lightweight birds. Check bird shops or online for these specific feeders.

Most of all, if you're going to

attract birds to the garden, don't spray chemicals or use pelletized weed and feed or moss killer.

"We really need to be thinking about what we're putting on our gardens," Sanchez said. "We need to be cautious."

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

The Right To Speak

I have a little problem that has been going on for a long time. I have no feelings whatsoever for anyone or anything. I feel so numb it isn't funny. Or rather I should say this is the face I show the world.

I can't even say I love you to my mom though I love her dearly. I can't express my emotions to others at all. If I express my feelings, I'll be hurt. A lot happened in my life to cause me to choose not to be emotionally involved.

My dad and I were close when I was younger, but after my parents' divorce I never had a relationship with him. I was exposed to many physical encounters that were not appropriate for a child, but no one else knows about that and my family doesn't understand me.

This affects my relationship with men and people in general. I am wounded at 21. I only seem to attract people who use and hurt me. I'm tired of holding in the pain, but I don't know what to do anymore.

Christy

Christy, you know where you got lost. It was when you were molested. That needs to be dealt

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Wayne & Tamara

First Comes Love

I wish I could tell you my story but it is so long. It is a classic love story between a man who is 45 and a young woman, 22. This is the problem. Our relationship is based on passion. There is only passion.

We meet once a month and sex is everything. I am a very modest girl, and because of that he likes me. Often he says he wants our relationship to last, but in the beginning he said not to grow too fond of him. I think he is protecting himself from me.

I am not sure if there is any serious woman in his life, but I am afraid I am falling in love with him. I need him and want him to be mine. Is it possible he feels the same for me? Could I ask him without destroying our relationship?

Maria

Maria, when a woman has sex, her thoughts goes in one of two directions. Either I am in love and loved, or I am not loved. If it is love, it's okay. If it's just sex, I am something I don't want to be. For a woman, if the relationship involves sex, it's serious.

This man is not offering you love or sharing his life. You are not even dating. He is meeting you for sex. In an attempt to save your self-respect you want him to

love you.

Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of *Age Difference Relationships*, available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.

American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

"The classics can console. But not enough." wrote Derek Walcott, a poet who often found limited literary consolation in Greek mythology, as he wrote about his Caribbean world. For Esteban Rodriguez in his poem, "37 El mundo", the classics, with their allusions and myths, are not enough of a consolation to capture the labors of his father. In the end, his father's heroism is rooted in the grit and realism of a world of labor and struggle, and the truthful retelling of the story of his father is enough to create a new hybrid mythology of self.

37 El mundo

By Esteban Rodriguez

Even in dreams, your father is working,

and in the version you'd been having for weeks,

he lifts a large replica of the world, places it

Fishing Report

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

Trout Stocking Schedule: Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8" to 10" hatchery fish last week were: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 5,499, Leaburg Lake - 1,000, and Clear Lake - 3,000.

Fish Counts

July 5, Willamette Falls

Spring Chinook - 28,846

Summer Steelhead - 4,513

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on his back, and because his body here defies

logic and physics, carries it up a hill, which,

after you wake up, you know is a metaphor

for twelve-hour shifts, for pounding nails

into wood, for sliding steel into slots again

and again, and for the days when his back

is shaped into a crooked punctuation,

and his feet, marking the floor into a hieroglyph,

have lost more of their purpose, becoming quiet

when he gets home, so that all you see of him

is not comparisons to language, but two

swollen limbs, a body reclined on a La-Z-Boy,

a father relieved to call this silence his own.

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber (www.ricksteber.com)

July 14 - In 1881 a subsidiary of the Union Pacific was formed to build a rail link between the railhead at Granger, Wyoming and Huntington, Oregon. At that time Huntington was the terminus of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company line. The route selected by the Union Pacific was to be "the shortest route possible" between the two locations and the railway became known as the Oregon Short Line. Construction was completed over the 550-mile route, and the first transcontinental train over the route to the Pacific Northwest reached Portland in January 1885.

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Aircraft carriers

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Willys-Overland in 1953 and became Kaiser Jeep Co. Their military designation was CVE, which stood for "Carrier Vessel, Escort"; the crews joked that it really stood for "Combustible, Vulnerable and Expendable."

In the Pacific, their finest hour came in the Battle Off Samar, in October 1944, which was basically the last battle with the Imperial Japanese Navy. It was a classic hopeless "last stand" type of battle which the Americans had no business winning, but somehow did, albeit at great cost.

The setup was a Japanese gambit in which they hurled a small carrier force against the main American fleet, lost a couple big ships, and raced away. The commanding admiral fell for it and gave chase with everything he had, leaving the American troops landing on Leyte (part of the campaign to retake the Philippines) with no air cover. The main Imperial force would then show up, launch its planes, and hurl the Americans back into the sea — that was the idea.

But luckily for those American troops, three Task Units ("Taffys"), each consisting of six escort carriers and several destroyers and destroyer escorts, remained behind.

When the Japanese force — a huge armada composed of four battleships, eight cruisers, and 11 destroyers — slipped in to attack



National Archives
USS Casablanca in the Puget Sound area circa July 1943, at about the time she was commissioned.

the landing troops, they ran right into one of these three Task Units — Taffy 3.

These little unarmored ships, with their handful of light 5-inch deck guns, turned back and defeated the main force of the Imperial Japanese Navy that day.

To be fair to the Japanese, the battle wasn't as one-sided as it might have seemed. Among the three "Taffys," the Americans had about 450 airplanes at their disposal — equal to the complement of about five full-size fleet carriers. The Japanese force had no air cover at all beyond a handful of catapult-launched seaplanes.

Nonetheless it was a spectacular success for the little Kaiser-built carriers.

After the war, Kaiser's "Jeeps" were true surplus; there wasn't much they could be used for. Their power plants were the main

reason for this: due to wartime shortages, they had been equipped with obsolete steam engines that provided enough speed to keep up with convoys of merchant ships, but not enough to be very useful to a peacetime Navy. The surviving ships were fairly quickly mothballed and then scrapped. None of them survive today.

Which is kind of a shame, because the Vancouver-built Casablanca-class escort carriers remain to this day the most numerous carrier class of all time; no other class comes close. In fact, those 50 escort carriers represent almost half of all American aircraft carriers built during the Second World War. (Japan, by contrast, only managed to build 15 during the war.)

Not a bad showing!
(Sources: "Emergence of the Escort Carriers," an article by Scot MacDonald published in the December 1962 issue of Naval Aviation News; *The Little Giants: U.S. Escort Carriers against Japan*, a book by William T. Yblood published in 1987 by the Naval Institute Press; *shipbuildinghistory.com*. Summary of Battle Off Samar was sourced from Wikipedia.)

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