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### “Rolls Royce Guru”

Air Rajneesh’s fleet of passenger aircraft parked at the airport. The largest were a Douglas DC-3 and a Convair 240.

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### Mothballs are a pesticide

Mothballs need to be recognized as a pesticide that can be harmful to humans or animals when misused

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## Oregon emergency officials look to 2020 wildfires for lessons learned

### State report makes recommendations to prepare Oregon for the next disaster, wildfire or otherwise



After the Holiday Farm Fire, Walter Wilson, president of the Vida McKenzie Community Center, broke through concrete that had preserved a time capsule inside the structure’s cornerstone since March 20, 1949.

By Ben Botkin  
Oregon Capital Chronicle  
The 2020 Labor Day wildfires strained understaffed state and local agencies and highlighted a need for more communication so people can recover and access services, the Oregon Department of Emergency Management concluded in a report released Thursday.

The 147-page report, based on surveys and in-

terviews, offers a window into the state’s work to recover from the wildfires that scorched an area the size of Rhode Island and left communities across the state reeling as thousands of Oregonians lost homes, jobs and their way of life. It detailed shortcomings in the state’s response and included suggestions so officials can better prepare for the next disaster that strikes

Oregon.

The wide-ranging report includes examinations of how homeowners received financial assistance for their damaged houses, private fundraising and efforts to provide battered communities with drinking water.

The 2020 wildfires scorched more than 1 million acres in 20 counties, destroyed or damaged more **Lessons learned - Page 10**

## Lookout Fire updates continue

### Some “Leave Now” areas are now at Level 2

“Level 1 is where we want people up here to be all the time” was the assessment Lane County Sheriff Cliff Howard delivered to people gathered to hear updates on the status of the Lookout Fire. Speaking at the McKenzie High School gym last Thursday, the sheriff went on to add that because most people in the McKenzie Valley live in a wildland/urban interface, they should be “thoughtful about these things throughout the year and have a little higher level of awareness.”

Residents in the areas north of Hwy. 126 from Blue River Reservoir Road east to Drury Lane near the McKenzie Bridge Airstrip had been on a Level 3 evacuation notice. “I know what it means when we tell you to leave your house,” Howard said. “That’s a pretty big deal and it’s a responsibility that weighs heavily on me.”

On Tuesday, areas north of Hwy. 126 east of the 0.5 milepost on Mill Creek Road to the east end of Taylor Road were changed to a Level 2 (Be Set) evacuation

notice.

Some of the contributing factors behind a decision to evacuate include the density of population in a particular area, the number of homes and people who live there, and “how long it will take us to hit every door in that zone,” to tell people to leave, the sheriff said.

Tom Wright, an incident meteorologist with the National Weather Service, noted that the area was coming out of a historic heat wave with temperatures in the 100-degree range, very dry conditions, and some offshore easterly winds. “Luckily we’re kind of climbing out of that now,” Wright said. The change, he felt, could contribute to lowering the fire weather severity from “elevated” through the weekend to “moderate” for Monday through Thursday, based on data from a weather station that had been placed just east of the Lookout Fire.

To access videos from the meeting, go to: [tinyurl.com/y496z653](https://tinyurl.com/y496z653).



Lane County Sheriff Cliff Howard was among a round of speakers who provided fire related updates at the McKenzie High School gym last week.

## Some smoke is a good sign

### Land & air teams report containment now at 5%



Helicopters are using a mobile retardant base at the Tokatee Golf Club to fight the Lookout Fire. Retardant can help strengthen control lines in key areas, and slow the fire’s spread.

There was good news from firefighters battling the Lookout Fire this week when they reported on Tuesday that although the fire now encompasses 12,188 acres, it has reached a 5% containment level. Over 1,100 personnel are involved in the operation, which includes 73 engines, 21 crews, 13 bulldozers 28 water tenders, 11 masticators, and 7 helicopters.

Part of their work has been focused on the fire’s southwest corner along USFS Road 700. There, crews are clearing hazard trees and vegetation along Road 2633 and working toward the north. Officials report burning operations to secure those areas will take several days to complete.

Some of the smoke has impacted air operations involving scooper aircraft and helicopters. They have been supplemented by drones that can utilize infrared (IR) imaging as well as scouting out spot fires. The drones are also capable of dropping incendiary “spheres” resembling ping pong balls. Unlike helicopters, the drones can fly in areas of heavy smoke.

## A new pond for all

### Open access bridge added to Discovery Center site

LEABURG: A project to rebuild the earthen pond at the Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery continues to move forward. While dormant it had filled with sediment and vegetation, but now has been converted to a community fishing pond at the McKenzie River Discovery Center site. Thanks to a \$19,000 grant to the from the Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, and the work of volunteers, the pond has been upgraded with an eye toward hosting angling and education/outreach events.

When completed, the pond will provide a chance for people of all ages, abilities and experience levels to get their hands wet trying out a new skill. Activities could range from fly-fishing

to traditional bait fishing, or learning how to identify native fish and keep them alive for “catch-and-release.”

People who’d like to support the site now have an opportunity to double their

money. Recently, a grant from an anonymous donor will match - dollar for dollar - all new contributions up to \$100,000. To participate, go to: [mckenzie-discoverycenter.org/give](https://mckenzie-discoverycenter.org/give).



The community fishing pond at the McKenzie River Discovery Center has added some people pleasing additions thanks to volunteer workers like Bruce Maederer, who has constructed an ADA compliant bridge at its eastern shoreline.



# Letters to the Editor

## Poker Run Canceled

After much thought and consideration, the board members of the Vida McKenzie Community Center have decided to cancel the McKenzie River Poker Fundraising event scheduled for Saturday, August 19th.

We believe our community will be best served without the added stress of this event during this time due to the two wildfires in our immediate area.

We appreciate everyone's support of this event, including those of you that had planned a fun day on the river while helping with the rebuilding process of our community center. Those who donated prizes for the poker players and the many who worked diligently to make it all happen.

We will be back.

Thank you for your continued support.

Walter W. Wilson  
VMCC

## Guest Opinion

### Some Summer thoughts about life on Mother Earth today. August 19, 2023

By Francesca Anton

As I inhale the smoke and listen to the helicopters racing back and forth over the house, fighting yet another fire in the Central Cascades and McKenzie River Valley, my thoughts wander to the Permian Period of Earth's history which ended in a mass extinction, and how this summer, with all its disturbing weather and environmental news, is reminding me of the conditions on Earth about 250 million years ago (mya) that brought the Permian to an end.

In story form, Pangea, the most recent supercontinent, attained its condition of maximum tectonic packing between 300 and 250 mya. At this time, it consisted of a northern part, Laurasia, and a southern part, Gondwana. Gondwana contained the area of our now southern continents—South America, Africa, India, Madagascar, Australia, and Antarctica.

About 300 mya Earth was emerging from a severe cold spell at the end of the Carboniferous Period (when most of Earth's coal reserves formed) there was so much collapsing plant activity that sucked up CO2, the planet became almost completely covered in ice, causing a huge extinction. Over the next 50 million years Earth slowly began to warm from plant life in the oceans and on the land, starting the beginning of the Permian Period. While plants and animal species began to make a comeback, the same tectonic plates that had created Pangea, pushing all the land masses together, started to pull apart, building mountains and, uh-oh, a lot of volcanoes (think Ring of Fire around the Pacific but MUCH more intense).

At the onset of the Permian Period, about 298mya, the fossil record tells us that the plant life consisted mostly of ferns, conifers, and small shrubs. Animals included sharks, bony fish, arthropods (insects on land and in water), amphibians, reptiles, and a large group of creatures called synapsids, sharing traits of both reptiles and mammals, the largest

fossil found suggesting 15 ft long, 8+ feet tall, and weighing about 10 tons. This was the first great dynasty of land vertebrates; the first true dinosaurs and mammals would not appear until the next geologic period, the Triassic.

The geologic record shows us that as the tectonic plates began to move and split up the Pangea landmass over the span of about 50 million years, Earth became so violent it is sometimes compared to the Archean Eon, about 4 billion years ago (bya) to 2.4 bya, creating another mass extinction as plant and animal life found it too difficult to survive. What was once a green and abundant Pangea became a mostly arid landscape as mountains were being thrust up. The ice and snow in the Arctic began to actively melt, and the oceans began to rise. Earth was in crisis, plant and animal species that were just beginning to come back after such an intense cooling period during the Carboniferous Period slowly disappeared. By about 250 mya, at the end of the Permian period, 90% of the planet's species were gone. Less than five percent of the animal species in the seas survived. On land less than a third of the large animal species made it. Nearly all the trees died.

There are several thoughts about what could cause such a huge extinction, primarily over a period of about the last 100,000 years of the Permian Period. The final die-off appears to have happened fairly fast, as geologic time goes. There is evidence of a huge asteroid (similar to the Chicxulub 66 mya that caused the extinction of the dinosaurs) that might have hit Earth (the footprint is buried below Australia). But what we do

know is this:

The rocks carrying fossils from the ocean at that time show stagnant water; a lack of oxygen, called anoxia. This, and other clues, suggest the lack of an ice cap could have disrupted healthy ocean currents that exchanged cool, oxygenated water with warmer, much less oxygenated water. It's a bit complicated to explain here, but stagnate water has the overall effect of increasing additional CO2 into the atmosphere.

Volcanoes would have spewed horrendous amounts of CO2 (along with a lot of other polluting molecules) into the atmosphere that would cause acid rain. The amount of magma released in the area of what is called the Siberian Traps was likely enough to cover Earth to a depth of about 20 feet, for example. Large amounts of sulphate molecules, blocking sunlight, would have caused Earth's temperatures to cool. Remember, all of this happens over a much longer period of time than it is easy to imagine. The truth can be untidy, but anoxia, eruptions/disruptions, and impacts together are grim prospects for life on Earth. The ultimate prognosis is the trapped heat from excessive CO2 (and methane, water vapor, nitrous oxide, and more toxic substances), and the inability of water, both fresh and salty to hold dissolved oxygen, is a recipe for collapse.

Now let's fast forward to about 65 mya to the Chicxulub asteroid that we know for certain hit Earth in the area of the Gulf of Mexico, causing another huge extinction of plant and animal life, with much the same atmospheric and oceanic conditions created as described above. The creatures that survived were mostly burrowing animals, except for crocodiles and alligators (they "burrowed" in shallow water). Just a few surviving species in the ocean became tougher.

When the dust and toxins finally began to settle, a "quiet" geologic period ensued. Plant and animal life literally exploded over the last 50 million years. For the first time, mammals emerged and flourished. The first flowers appeared and brought love to Earth in the form of meiosis. It was a relatively quiet time geologically, and even though early humans were forced to deal with several mild ice ages over the last million or so years, we are standing here today, having created some very beautiful music and reached with our minds into a cell and all the way to the stars in our quest to understand nature and the universe as well as we can experience and measure it. And, we have wondered about the meaning of it all (this may not be



only a human experience).

All of us feel a heavy heart when we read, listen to, and watch the constant news of fires, floods, extreme weather, and species going extinct everywhere. We see with our own eyes the desertification of once beautiful forests and hear of the plummeting of the ocean's phytoplankton, both lungs of the earth. We have poisoned fresh water vital to all life with toxic chemicals and over-use and compromised the oceans with over-fishing, plastic, and acidification, for starters. So goes the land and atmosphere. And then there is the horrible way we are capable of treating each other.

Thus, it is becoming more and more obvious that we are now single-handedly creating the same anoxia, the eruptions/disruptions, and the 'impact' the Earth experienced 250 mya and 65 mya. We will take almost all plant and animal life with us, and we're just starting to really feel the pain of it all in the last 200 years. A relatively short time, as measured time goes.

Very few of us take the time to study the Earth's history, at least as well as we know it so far, along with the science that has warned us for years we are facing the same kind of conditions on Earth today as described above that removed 90% of all species. Many of us are in life situations that do not enable us to do so even if we wanted to learn, and some of us are quite knowledgeable and choose instead to look the other way for some kind of perceived profit.

Let's set all politics and economics aside and just look at our situation from a biological point of view. In the last 500 years we have, for the first time in human history, created a world civilization that has chiefly prioritized opportunity, cleverness, greed,

and profit, through a means of destruction of the very nature that has supported our every endeavor. We are still actively consuming every last molecule we can extract from the air, water, and land for our one-time uses, our entertainment and warfare, our vast infrastructure, and incredible technology that has taken us into space and the depths of the ocean.

Some of us have the opportunity to refuse consumerism in all its life-destroying manifestations; we can choose to live more simply so that others may simply live. We can decide to strive for the common good instead of alienating ourselves from each other, for example. Sadly, many who can make choices like this will choose not to.

But many of us are already in forced panic mode from overpopulation, violence, poverty, and pollution; there are very few choices of action available, and hunger and thirst are never-ending motivators.

Now, this summer, we are looking at real unraveling in every aspect of human life, and Earth has lost all confidence and is moving on, while she strains to be in balance for such incredibly unique (as far as we know) and wondrous life on this "Little Blue Dot". Abundant life most likely will emerge gain. From our limited point of view though, and as we see in her history, not for a very, very long time.

*Francesca Anton of Rainbow began immersing herself in music and science at the age of 14, when she began performing and also initiating the first Ecology Club in high school. Since that time she has kept learning in both areas of study, applying her knowledge as much as possible to improve her lifestyle and civic engagement.*

## Letters to the Editor

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## WEATHER REPORT

Friday 8/25		Saturday 8/26		Sunday 8/27	
McKenzie Valley Sunny 10% chance precip High: 90 Low: 56	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 83 Low: 54	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 5% chance precip High: 88 Low: 55	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 5% chance precip High: 89 Low: 57	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 85 Low: 55	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 15% chance precip High: 88 Low: 56

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM				READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE			
Date	High	Low	Rain Releases	Date	High	Low	Riverflow
8/15	89	64	0 362 cfs	8/15	94	63	0 1,910 cfs
8/16	102	65	0 357 cfs	8/16	100	60	0 1,920 cfs
8/17	81	73	0 367 cfs	8/17	101	60	0 1,900 cfs
8/18	85	63	0 362 cfs	8/18	86	61	0 1,800 cfs
8/19	87	55	0 362 cfs	8/19	88	49	0 1,900 cfs
8/20	85	57	0 362 cfs	8/20	82	53	0 1,900 cfs
8/21	78	59	0 357 cfs	8/21	86	53	0 1,920 cfs



# Sheriff's Report

**July 29: 2:19 p.m:** Criminal Information - 40300 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Two people were observed throwing glass near the river.

**4:42p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Lat: 44.11534118. Long: -121.851737. 2 backpacks found in the area.

**July 30: 3:13 a.m:** Assault - 39000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd. A caller reported that their spouse threw a phone at them and caused injury. Deputies investigated and arrested the spouse for charges assault in the fourth degree.

**July 31: 12:42 p.m:** Theft - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd. A caller reported having cash stolen from within a motorhome.

**3:35p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Marcola Rd. Milepost 6. A passerby reported seeing a juvenile male in the area that appeared to

have blood on him.

**Aug. 7: 12:47 a.m:** Welfare Check - 37400 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**5:17 a.m:** Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

**2:03 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**12:34 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**6:08 p.m:** Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

**Aug. 8: 7:42 a.m:** Lockout - 41800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**11:02 a.m:** Welfare Check - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

**11:11 a.m:** Safety Hazard - Aufderheide Dr. & McK. Hwy.

**3:08 p.m:** Disabled Boat - 90400 blk, Fish Hatchery Rd.

**7:58 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**Aug. 9: 9:29 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 95900 blk, Marcola Rd.

**10:19 a.m:** Theft - 41800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**2:34 p.m:** Theft - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**3:07 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up -

Caddis Ln. & McK. River Dr.

**4:16 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - Blue River area.

**6:36 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**7:18 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Milepost 5.

**8:40p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 52900 blk, McK. Hwy.

**Aug. 10: 11:36 a.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 51200 blk, McK. Hwy.

**3:39 p.m:** Criminal Mischief - 49500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:52 p.m:** Welfare Check - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

**5:54p.m:** Reckless Endangering - 8000 blk, Thurston Rd.

**6:48 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - McK. Hwy. & Mill Creek Rd.

**11:24 p.m:** Theft - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**Aug. 11: 1:35 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 56500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**2:00 a.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants - 90900 blk, Marcola Rd.

**8:54 a.m:** Harassment - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**11:03 a.m:** Dog at Large - Angels Flight Rd. & McK. Hwy.

**12:26 p.m:** Illegal Dump - Showalter Creek Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd.

**7:15 p.m:** Welfare Check - Lat: 44.17337. Long: -122.10597.

**9:10 p.m:** Assist, Information

- Lat: 44.143678 Long: -122.386215.

**8:26 p.m:** Shots Fired - 36400 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**Aug. 12: 10:43 a.m:** Hit & Run - Lane/Linn county line, Hwy. 126.

**11:15 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 39400 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.

**12:00 p.m:** Extortion - 88400 blk, Stephens Rd.

**12:35 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 56600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**1:46 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 37100 blk, Boiler Creek Rd.

**2:06 p.m:** Safety Hazard - 56300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:17 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Carson St.

**4:31 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - Old Mohawk Rd. & Hill Rd.

**7:21 p.m:** Assist Outside Agency - Tamolitch Falls.

**Aug. 13: 3:08 a.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 36200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. **Continued On Page 11**

**16:39:** 40000 blk, York Ln. Assist Police. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

**Aug. 14: 20:48:** 88000 blk, Old Mohawk Rd. Mutual Aid. Disregarded Prior To Arrival.

**Aug. 15: 11:38:** 89000 blk, **Continued On Page 11**

## Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**August 15: 07:13:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Non-Injury - Milepost 19, Clear Lake Cutoff. Tree down on top of caller's truck, all across highway.

**Aug. 16: 11:14:** Medical - 91000 block, Marbrook Ln. Crews bringing patient to Blue River Dam.

**12:47:** Medical - 90000 blk, Aufderheide Dr. Male, breathing. No response when yelled at.

**August 19: 14:15:** Medical - 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male. Conscious, Breathing.

**16:02:** Medical - 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**August 21: 03:19:** Medical - 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**August 22: 07:24:** Medical - 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.**

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Aug. 14: 3:14:** McK. Hwy./Milepost 21. Motor Vehicle Accident, Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

**9:00:** 41000 block, Madrone St. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

**14:22:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

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By Slim Randles

Oh, we could always just go ask Delbert Chin why he did it, but that would take all the fun out of it. You know. So we sat and sipped at the world dilemma think tank meeting of Everything Important down at the Mule Barn truck stop and talked it over.

It was probably inspired by Jasper Blankenship bringing cookies down from the diggin's and passing them out, along with a compliment for each recipient. Others in town did likewise, including Delbert Chin, whose immaculate Gates of Heaven Chinese restaurant is a favorite for special times. Delbert got in the spirit of cookies and passed out fortune cookies on the street to all concerned, wishing each of us a good fortune. He lit up when he did it, you could see. Maybe that's what happened.

It was less than a week later. Delbert brought out a large glass jar full of water and punched small holes in the lid. He set it on a small table just inside the front door to the Gates and put a sign on it: "World Famous Invisible Golden Trout."

Problem was no one could see the fish. When he was asked about it, he said he caught it in Owens Lake, which is dry. He also added he caught it on a dry fly, naturally.

He had a kind of smirk about his mouth when he answered these questions, but it didn't stop every kid and half the adults in town from coming in and looking in that glass jar to see if they could spot the fish.

It was a tourist lady who finally did it, though. She confronted Delbert directly.

"Sir," she proclaimed, "there's no fish in that jar over there. That's a lie!"

"Oh no!" said Delbert and ran to the jar. "Whew!" he said with relief. "For a while I thought he was gone, you know."

"There's no fish in there!" she said.

"Ma'am," Delbert said. "He's more than eight inches long. You see those little-bitty holes? How you think he's gonna get out?"

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# When "The Rolls-Royce Guru" came to Oregon

By Finn J.D. John

## Part Three: Occupation.

In the courtyard at the Antelope Post Office today, there stands a large bronze plaque attached to the base of a flagpole. It reads, "Dedicated to those of this community who throughout the Rajneesh invasion and occupation of 1981-1985 remained, resisted and remembered."

Most visitors probably roll their eyes at this, thinking it a bit melodramatic. Invasion? Occupation? Puh-leeze, they might mutter.

But the Rajneesh take-over of Antelope was not an anodyne bureaucratic exercise. To those who lived through it, it really did feel like a foreign military power had rolled into their town and occupied it.

It started out very stealthily. Several properties in the town were up for sale, and suddenly there were offers on all of them. Very ordinary-looking people signed the documents and took possession. Then some more very ordinary-looking people moved into the properties. Quite a few of them, actually. The population of the town nearly doubled.

They lived there in Antelope, keeping to themselves as much as possible, until just before election season, when several of them filed for election as city officials.

Then the truth came out: The new residents were Rajneeshes, and they were out to take over the town.

At the same time, the Rajneesh leaders launched a concerted campaign to get other Antelope residents to leave town. They tried to buy people's houses, and those who would not sell were relentlessly harassed. Red-clad photographers with ostentatious cameras parked outside their houses, photographing them when they came and went, photographing their children when they left for school, following them around, staring whenever they could catch their eyes.

The Antelope residents scrambled to try and head off the invasion. They called an emergency meeting and set up a vote to disincorporate the town; but the Rajneeshes got word of it and made sure to vote in the resulting election, and there was only so much resistance the few dozen voters of Antelope could do. The vote was defeated, and, that November, so



Ted Quackenbush

**Air Rajneesh's fleet of passenger aircraft parked at the airport. The largest were a Douglas DC-3 and a Convair 240.**

were the incumbent mayor and city officials of Antelope.

The victorious Rajneeshes promptly renamed the town Rajneesh and got busy approving variances and building permits.

By this time, nearly all executive decisions were being made by Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh's personal secretary, the ever-belligerent Ma Anand Sheela; Rajneesh himself had "entered a period of silence" and was speaking only to her and a few other Rajneesh leaders.

Now those leaders, having tasted this cup of power, decided to expand their power base by taking over all of Wasco County using the same playbook that had worked so well in Antelope.

To do this would be trickier, though. Wasco County had about 21,000 non-Sannyasin residents, roughly 12,000 of whom were registered to vote. At least half of those voters could probably be counted on to actively oppose the takeover.

But Sheela had a plan for that: a plan called the "Share-a-Home Program."

The share-a-home program was launched in 1984, and cost the Rajneeshes about \$1 million.

The way it worked was, sannyasins fanned out across the country driving chartered buses, recruiting homeless people to come to Rajneeshpuram to live ... and, of course, vote.

Free food, shelter, and (red) clothing: It was a compelling idea for anyone shivering under a railroad bridge in Seattle or Boston or

Oakland. Thousands took them up on it.

As primary season approached in 1984, the population of the twin cities of Rajneeshpuram and Rajneesh (Antelope) swelled to over 7,000. Every newcomer to the commune was promptly registered as a Wasco County voter.

This was probably the point at which the Rajneeshes definitively lost the fight to stay in Oregon. Because, well, it was one thing to have a bunch of far-out mystics developing a piece of Oregon's outback; nobody really minded that. The takeover of Antelope had been bad, but Antelope was a tiny place, and the whole thing was easily understood as the commune's only option for having a municipality. The nastiness of the campaign to drive the locals out was a public-relations disaster, as was an attempt to force local farm kids to attend Rajneesh schools; but these weren't the kinds of missteps that can't be recovered from with a quick course-correction and a little public-relations balm.

However, when Sheela and her operatives started scheming to seize power at the county level, disenfranchising thousands of Wasco County residents — and doing so in such a transparent and intelligence-insulting way, obviously thinking their plan was too clever and subtle for the local rubes to catch onto — they lost any claim they might have had on the moral high ground.

From that point on, the story of Rajneeshpuram would be a series of increasingly desperate and petulant rear-guard actions and acts of open spitefulness that quickly escalated to crime.

The state's response to Share-a-Home was a fairly obvious one: Secretary of State Norma Paulus stopped all voter registration in

Wasco County and assigned a fleet of attorneys from her staff to travel to the county and interview each and every new registrant, to make sure that person actually intended to live in the county.

This, as far as the takeover plan was concerned, was checkmate. But Sheela and her lieutenants tried to play through it. If they couldn't pack the voter rolls to achieve a winning majority, maybe they could depress voter turnout enough to win ...

And so it was that, in the summer of 1984, Sheela and her cronies — most notably Ma Anand Puja, a.k.a. Diane Omang, the director of the commune's medical service — started poisoning people, testing formulas and seeing what might work.

First they poisoned two Wasco County Commissioners with cultured bacteria stirred into glasses of water offered to them while they were on a visit to the site. Then Sheela and Puja led a team into The Dalles to dribble cultured salmonella bacteria on the salad bars in several restaurants near the freeway.

Hundreds of people got sick — the official count is about 750, but likely there were many more, minor cases involving people who didn't bother to seek medical attention. It was the biggest biological-warfare attack in U.S. history.

The attack is still baffling today, because it was carried out a month and a half before the elections. Was it supposed to be a trial run, to test the poisons in advance to make sure they would be effective? If so, it was a really stupid move, as it put Wasco County on notice; the salad bars were shut down, and people became very serious about handwashing and other hygienic preventions. Was it supposed to actually kill people, thereby removing them from the voter rolls? If so, it was even stupider. Either way, it was not exactly a 4-D chess move.

At the time, nobody really knew the source of the food poisoning. But almost everyone suspected the Rajneeshes, and that was enough to put the stink of criminality on the commune — all of them, not just Sheela and her gang. This was a bigger deal than it has later been made out to be. Rank-and-file Rajneeshes were not the kind of nasty monsters that some of their leaders were turning out to be. They were mostly good-hearted, normal people who had found a new vision for life under the charismatic spell of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. They were there to bask in his wisdom, dissolve

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**Gardening Tips**

By Kym Pokorny



**Oregon State University**

OSU Extension Service

**Mothballs are a pesticide - use with care**



Controlling pests outdoors is a common summer activity for gardeners, but it's also important to know how to safely and effectively protect against an insect that feeds indoors and can ruin clothing.

Mothballs, one of the most common methods to control clothes moths, need to be recognized as a pesticide that can be harmful to humans or animals when misused, according to Tim Stock, Extension integrated pest management education specialist and director of the OSU Extension School IPM Program.

"People often use mothballs in inappropriate sites and against incorrect pests," said Stock, who co-authored "Mothballs: Proper Use and Alternative Controls for Clothes Moths." "The only recommendation that counts is the product label, which is a legal document whose instructions must be followed – particularly on where mothballs may be used and which pests they will control."

Mothballs should not be used inside attics, crawl spaces, gardens, trash cans, or vehicles, Stock said.

"Unfortunately, mothballs are used in these locations to control pests other than clothes moths, including squirrels, skunks, deer, mice, rats, dogs, cats, raccoons, moles, snakes, pigeons, and a

variety of other animals," Stock said. "Any such use is illegal and can be harmful to human health. A relatively common mistake is placing mothballs in an attic to repel squirrels. This will almost always result in a persistent and noxious odor throughout the home."

The larvae of two species of clothes moths in the Pacific Northwest are responsible for the damage to clothes and other fabric: the webbing clothes moth (*Tineola bisselliella*) and the case-making clothing moth (*Tinea pellionella*). Clothes moth larvae are shiny, white, and about a half-inch long.

"Clothes moth larvae do not eat synthetic fibers," Stock said. "They feast only on fibers of animal origin such as wool, feathers, or felt. They can, however, chew through synthetic fibers to reach dirt or stains of animal origin."

They also can damage clothes that contain both synthetic fibers and wool or other animal fibers but are active only on garments that are undisturbed for a long period of time.

Mothballs – which come in cakes, crystals, tablets, bars, and flakes – contain either naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene as active ingredients. Never mix these two types of mothballs, Stock said. Following the label

instructions will limit exposure to these chemicals and control the moths most effectively.

"Both chemicals are fumigants, meaning that their volatile chemicals will vaporize at lower temperatures, such as room temperature," Stock said. "Naphthalene has been associated with adverse health effects such as headache, nausea, dizziness, and difficulty breathing. Paradichlorobenzene is also a potential hazard, although typically less than naphthalene."

Mothballs must be used in an airtight space, such as an airtight garment bag or other containers labeled as airtight, and never in an open closet or plastic garbage bag. Once vapors enter the home, their odor can be detected at a few parts per billion in the air, Stock said. One part per billion is like a few drops of water in an Olympic-size swimming pool.

Alternative ways to control clothes moths are available for those who prefer not to use chemical treatments. The best way to protect at-risk (animal-fiber) clothing from clothes moths is by keeping clothes clean and storing them in airtight containers.

"For existing infestations of clothes moths, you must do more," Stock said. "Vacuum drawers and closets using a HEPA vacuum cleaner. Also vacuum furniture and other places that provide food sources such as lint, pet hair, and human hair. Lint and hair that have been undisturbed for a long time are prime breeding grounds for clothes moths."

After vacuuming, promptly dispose of the vacuum bag. Boric acid dust can be used to treat cracks and crevices once the infested articles have been removed and cleaned. But Stock cautions people to always follow the label requirements when applying boric acid dust.

"For stored clothing that is not kept in airtight containers, place the clothing in the dryer or in the sun once or twice a month to destroy larvae," Stock said. "Shake the clothes or brush them before putting them back in the drawer or on the hanger. This will help dislodge remaining eggs and larvae."



*Country Kitchen*

By Mary Emma Allen



**IT'S APPLE TIME**

It's apple time as fall approaches, and apple dishes, such as pies, apple crisp, applesauce, apple cake, muffins and more fill kitchens with enticing aromas. The stores are displaying more varieties as they come on the market, with more to come.

Apple time meant hours in the orchard when I was growing up. Although Father was a dairy farmer, he also operated an orchard and grew apples to sell. One of my tasks was going to the orchard after school and on weekends to pick apples for our use and to send to market. I've come across photos of our family and the hired man picking apples.

The views from the orchard were spectacular since it was near the top of the "Big Hill" on our farm. From there we could view the Hudson River Valley in the distance and, on clear days, the Catskill Mountains west of the river.

**Apples - A Versatile Fruit**

Apples are so very versatile. We eat them, prepare many recipes with them and even use them for crafts such as dried apple head dolls. This fruit has been grown for ages and used in dishes throughout the world. Nowadays, with modern refrigeration and preservation methods, they're generally available year round.

Days ago, apples were cut into slices and dried for winter use. Some cooks still dry them in ovens designed particularly for preserving foods this way.

Homemade applesauce was and still is a favorite way of preparing apples for many families. This also can be canned and/or frozen. My family likes this dish every fall.

Chunky Apple Cake is a recipe one I acquired from a friend many years ago. I like it because it's filled with apples, so is moist and delicious.

Cream together 1/4 cup shortening, 1/3-cup sugar (you can add more if the apples are tart and you like it sweeter); add 1 beaten egg. Then stir in 3 cups peeled and diced apples, 1/4 cup chopped nuts and 1-teaspoon vanilla.

Sift together 1-cup flour, 1/2-teaspoon baking powder, 1/2-teaspoon baking soda, 1/2-teaspoon salt, 1/2-teaspoon cinnamon, and 1/2-teaspoon nutmeg. Combine with creamed ingredients.

Bake in 8-inch pan at 350 degrees F. for 45 minutes, or until tests done. Serve warm or cool with whipped cream or ice cream. It's also good plain.

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## Community Notes

August 25

### Oregon Rocks - Leaburg

The Leaburg Library will host the University of Oregon's Museum of Natural and Cultural History "OREGON ROCKS" program this month. It is scheduled for Saturday, August 26th at 10 a.m. in the Community Room of the McKenzie Fire and Rescue building. Kids are invited to go a geology adventure and explore our ever-changing planet Earth. Dig into rocks, fossils, earthquakes and volcanoes through hands-on activities and rockin' specimens, discovering the dynamic forces that have shaped Oregon's landscape over time. Spend time at the "Shake Table" making an earthquake, and the "Volcano Table" actually constructing a volcano. Play the "Ride the Rock Cycle" game with your friends, and create your own jars of sedimentary layers with colored sand. There will be trays and trays of nifty rocks to examine, and who doesn't love rocks!

All of this will begin with a 15-minute interactive presentation, followed by time at activity tables, for fun hands-on activities, and touchable specimens.

The program is free of charge. Although it is geared for elementary children and their families, everyone is welcome no matter your age or family status!

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### McKenzie Food Pantry

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August 26

### 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.

August 28

### Springfield School Board

The Board of Directors meet twice during most months during the school year. Regular business meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the second Mondays of the month. Work sessions are generally held at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held in the Board Room of the Springfield Public Schools Administration Building, 640 A Street.

August 29

### "Write your Life"

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August 30

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August 31

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September 1

### First Fridays at Finn Rock

Join the Friends of Finn Rock Reach the first Friday of every month from 9:30 am to noon - March through November - to help care for the Finn Rock Landing area. During projects we'll be tackling invasive species, planting trees and helping to care for the public Finn Rock boat landing, kept free and open to the public by McKenzie River Trust. Project sites vary between the Boat Landing and other nearby conservation sites so pre-registration is required. We'll send out details for each project the Tuesday ahead of each event.

September 9

### Walterville Fair

The Walterville Grange is hosting the 71st annual Walterville Community Fair on September 9, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please plan on bringing your fair entries to enter from 7:30 to 9:30 AM (judging will start at 9:30). Show your neighbors what you have been up to by entering them into the fair. People are encouraged to enter their canning, baking,

fruits and vegetables, hand crafts (quilting, crochet, knit), arts and crafts, antiques, photography (or whatever you want to enter). There will be a parade at 11 a.m. (contact Dani at 541-747-4560 if you wish to be in the parade). Barbeque chicken dinner consisting of 1/2 chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, rolls, and brownie for \$12. Hotdogs and chips will also be available for \$3. Serving will start at 11:30. There will be lots of vendors to shop from (contact Jeff at 541-746-9974 if you wish to be a vendor). Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the day for some great prizes and drawing will take place at 3 PM. The Grange is working to raise money for replacement of the windows and siding on the west side of the community center. Check out the thermometer and see how we have progressed and feel free to chip in. See you at the fair! For more information please call 541-521-4760 and leave a message (calls will be returned).

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September

### EWEB

Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend in person or watch a live stream of the meeting in real-time at <https://tinyurl.com/EWEB-Board-Meeting-08-01-23>. Commissioners hold regularly scheduled public meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at EWEB's Roosevelt Operations Center, 4200 Roosevelt Blvd, in Eugene, typically starting at 5:30 p.m. Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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September 5

### 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.

September 6

### Blue River Water Board

The board will meet at 6 p.m. A link to the meeting is available at: [blueriverpark.com](http://blueriverpark.com)

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### Blue River Park Board

The board will meet at 7:15 p.m. A link to the online meeting is at: [blueriverwaterdistrict.com](http://blueriverwaterdistrict.com).

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September 8

### 2nd Friday Art Walk

From 4 to 7:30 pm at the Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield, 500 Main St.

September 9

### Living River

Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds. If you're looking for a special place to connect to nature this year, join in the fun on the second Saturday's, March through December, and explore the Living Rivers in your backyard.

September 9

### The Block Party

Look for an evening of music, culture, food & of course, craft beverages. Reimagined in September 2022 by Common Bond Yoga & Trudy Bauchery, the 3rd block party drew a crowd of 5000 plus to Discover Downtown Springfield on a smoky September Friday.

The party included flying axes, bouncing houses, hand-crafted goods, food trucks, and local libations, all featuring Springfield at its finest. A true party for those who know better, Springfield THE BLOCK Party will be back in September 2023, bigger than ever, once again combining forces with Noche Cultural for a Downtown spectacular at 225 5th St.

September 11

### Parks Advisory Committee

Lane County Parks Advisory Committee will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Goodpasture Room, 3050 N Delta Hwy. in Eugene. It advises the Board of County Commissioners on park needs, recommends priorities for projects - including financial and operational development and acquisition. The committee also provides recommendations regarding long-range planning for future park programs and needs, and serves as a liaison group representing the concerns of the community

September 11

### Springfield School Board

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

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September 15

### Leaburg Food Pantry

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October 21

### Learn cpr & defibrillator use

A CPR and Defibrillator Use class will be held on October 21 at McKenzie Fire & Rescue in Leaburg. The class starts at 9:00a.m., will likely require 4-5 hours, and will cost \$30 (includes Heart Association certificate.) There are 9 spaces left. Interested? Call Clayton at McKenzie Fire & Rescue: 541-896-3311.

Click here and stay in touch with events online [McKenzie Community Events Calendar.](https://www.mckenziecommunity.org/events-calendar)



<p><b>An Invitation to Worship</b></p>	<p><b>Living Water Family Fellowship</b> Pastor - Doug Farrington 52353 McKenzie Hwy - Milepost 42 541-822-3820 Gathering Sundays at 10:00 AM, Children's ministry also. Come early for a meet and greet continental breakfast and coffee at 9:30 AM. Thursdays, 6:00 PM, Celebrate Recovery (12 Step Program)</p>
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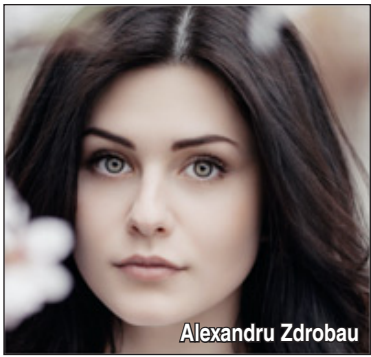




# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

## Timepieces



Alexandru Zdrobau

I am a father of three teenagers. The older boy and girl are obedient, good at their studies, and helpful around the home. My problem is with my youngest daughter, who is 16.

Wayne and Tamara, she is a beautiful child, and I know she is popular with her youthful friends. But I have been insisting that she obey the rules of my home and also take her studies seriously.

I have a good job, and I spend most of my money on my children. I also give them weekly allowances, most of which I insist that they save. I ensure they are fed and clothed properly.

Recently I had to ground my last daughter because of her rebellious and disrespectful attitude. I lost my temper and slapped her. She screamed that she will run away from home, and I will be sorry. Wayne and Tamara, as a loving

father that threat scared me. Do you think I have been too harsh or overly strict with her?

Gene

Gene, four years ago you were much as you are now. Four years ago your daughter was a child of 12, and four years from now she will be a woman of 20. For you, the clock is racing forward; for a 16-year-old who wants to act 18 or 20, the weekend seems like an eternity away.

As an adult, you know how important the next four years can be. Running with the wrong crowd, drugs and alcohol, pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases could alter her future in a way she will still be dealing with 20 or 30 years from now.

You know a mistake could alter her entire future; she thinks there is plenty of time for everything, including mistakes. Like all teenagers, she believes "it can't happen to me." As an adult, you know it can.

Your daughter needs one foot firmly planted in the day-to-day reality which will build her future, and one foot free to have some fun and enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime experience of being 16.

Children make mistakes and so do adults. You made a mistake when you slapped her. Sit down with your daughter, admit your

mistake, and apologize. Explain to her that your mistake came from your fears. If you do that, you won't be showing her that you are weak; you will be showing her that you are human.

You wrote us out of your love and concern for your daughter. Share that with her. Let her know that you will work to control your realistic fears, if she will help not to set them off.

Tamara

## Foot In The Door

My wife and I are experiencing conflict over the issue of smoking. We are both nurses. I have said I don't want to start trying to have a baby until she stops smoking. She says she will stop when she knows for sure she is pregnant.

We are both well aware of the damage smoking can do to the fetus, even in the beginning phases of pregnancy. She has a smoking cessation program at her job, but lately she says I am just trying to control her. We are far apart on this issue, and I don't see any easy answer.

Ronan

Ronan, your wife is telling you just how strong her addiction is. Even knowing the risks to her fetus, she is planning to smoke during part of her pregnancy. Her addiction already has a toehold on her pregnancy.

She is being controlled not so much by you as by her addiction to smoking. You are trying to come between her and her cigarettes, so her addiction is pointing the finger

at you.

Once she has the stress, emotions, and hormonal changes of pregnancy, it may be all the excuse she needs to continue. The only power you have is to make sure a pregnancy does not occur.

Wayne

Wayne & Tamara are the authors of *The Young Woman's Guide to Older Men*, *The Friendship Solution*, and *Cheating in a Nutshell*—available from Amazon, Apple, and booksellers everywhere.

## American Life in Poetry

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

### American Income

By Afaa Michael Weaver

The survey says all groups can make more money if they lose weight except black men...men of other colors and women of all colors have more gold, but black men are the summary of weight, a lead thick thing on the scales, meters spinning until they ring off the end of the numbering of accumulation, how things grow heavy, fish on the ends of lines that become whales, then prehistoric sea life beyond all memories, the billion days of human hands working, doing all the labor one can imagine, hands

now the population of cactus leaves on a papyrus moon waiting for the fire, the notes from all their singing gone up into the salt breath of tears of children that dry, rise up to be the crystalline canopy of promises, the infinite gone fishing days with the apologies for not being able to love

any more, gone down inside earth somewhere where women make no demands, have fewer dreams of forever, these feet that marched and ran and got cut off, these hearts torn out of chests by nameless thieves, this thrashing until the chaff is gone out and black men know the gold of being the dead center of things, where pain is the gateway to Jerusalem, Bodhi trees, places for meditation and howling, keeping the weeping heads of gods in their eyes.

Afaa Michael Weaver was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, where he attended public schools. After two years of study at the University of Maryland-College Park, he later earned his BA at Regents College-University of the State of New York (now Excelsior College) and completed graduate work in creative writing at Brown University, where his focus was playwriting and theater.

Weaver's early poetry was influenced by the Black Arts Movement and the poetry of Lucille Clifton. His first collection of poetry, *Water Song* (1985), was ten years in the making. During those apprenticeship years, he also wrote short fiction, worked as a freelance journalist, and established 7th Son Press, a small press that produced the journal *Blind Alleys*. His career as a book reviewer began in the mid-1980s when he wrote reviews first for *Andrei Codrescu's Exquisite Corpse* and later for the *Baltimore Sun*.

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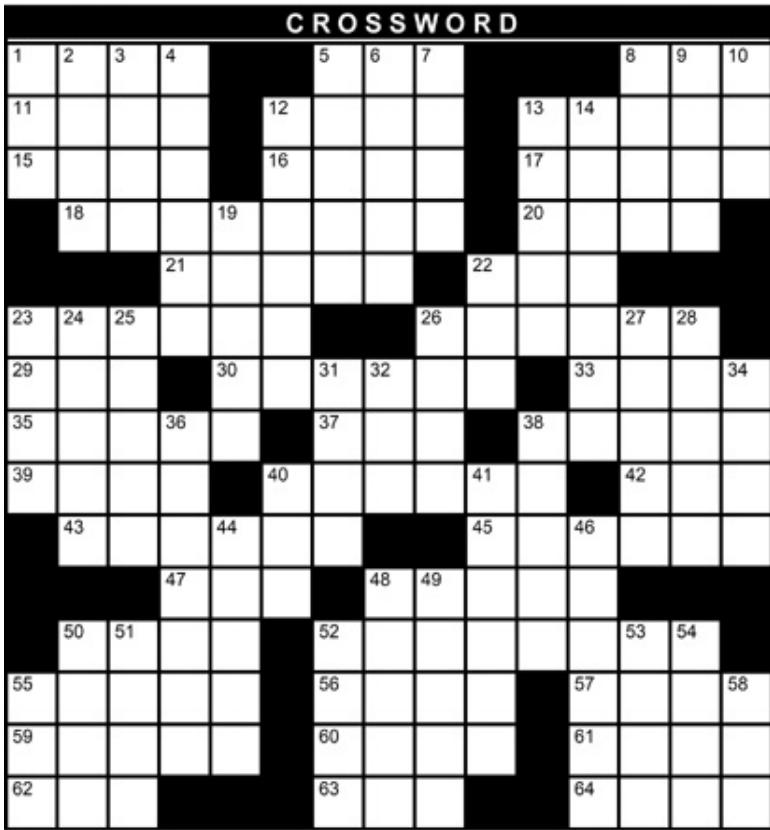
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- 50. Rooftop contraption
- 52. \*Meal container
- 55. Emerald or aquamarine, chemically speaking
- 56. Trans-Siberian Railroad city
- 57. Venus de Milo's are missing
- 59. \*Plural of #51 Down
- 60. Comments from prompt box
- 61. Do like Ella Fitzgerald
- 62. \*PE in school
- 63. Make a choice
- 64. Piece of cake

**DOWN**

- 1. Actress Ryan
- 2. Larry David's "\_\_\_\_\_ Your Enthusiasm"
- 3. Bizet's "Habanera," e.g.
- 4. Tabby's mate
- 5. King with a golden touch
- 6. Rapidly
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ up, to become more cheerful
- 8. Spring
- 9. Morays
- 10. Abdominal pain cause, acr.
- 12. Plunder
- 13. Dirty one
- 14. \*One of 3 Rs in grade school
- 19. Genuflected
- 22. Letter-writing friend
- 23. \*M in LMC, educationally speaking
- 24. Circular gasket
- 25. Big Dipper's visible shape
- 26. Biblical gift-givers
- 27. Propelled a boat
- 28. Angler's basket
- 29. Part of an act
- 32. Rare bills
- 33. Chewbacca's sidekick
- 36. \*Word in thesaurus, e.g.
- 38. Mennonite's cousin
- 40. \*Gym class prop
- 41. \*Art class cover ups
- 44. Old fashioned contests at dawn
- 46. Lower value, as in currency
- 48. Plug a pipe, e.g. (2 words)
- 49. Beginning of ailment
- 50. Exceedingly
- 51. Bob of boxing world
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- 8. Hula dancer's necklace
- 11. German money
- 12. Ready for picking
- 13. Nerd
- 15. Like many Brothers Grimm stories
- 16. Month of Purim
- 17. \*Some exams
- 18. \*Laptop and books container
- 20. Fastens a fly

- 21. Licorice-like herb
- 22. \*Teacher's favorite
- 23. Like hot lava
- 26. Cassava, pl.
- 30. Chapter in history
- 31. Deadly
- 34. DEA agent
- 35. Second person singular past of "do," archaic
- 37. Greet, to a dog
- 38. Be in harmony
- 39. Inwardly
- 40. Opposite of pluralism
- 42. Even, to a poet

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**Wellness • board • clinic**

**Wed Aug 23rd**  
**Lane County Board of Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular

**Thu Aug 24th 11:00am - Sat Jan 27th 2024 12:00pm**

**STORY TIME**

Story Time is back at Leaburg Library! We invite children of all ages and their parents to join us in the Children's Room every

**Wed Aug 23rd 9:00am - 10:30am**

**Lane Electric Coop Board of Directors meeting**

Members of Lane Electric Cooperative can join monthly board meetings, which begin at 9 a.m. Each meeting begins with a member

**FOOD pantry**

**Fri Aug 25th 11:00am - 1:00pm**

**McKenzie River Food Pantry**

Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in

**OREGON ROCKS!**

**Sat Aug 26th 10:00am - 11:00am**

**OREGON ROCKS" AT LEABURG LIBRARY**

Hey, kids - Oregon really does rock you know, and so does Leaburg Library! Seriously though, did you ever wonder about Oregon's landscape ...

**Sat Aug 26th 10:00am - 12:00pm**

**A Dime At A Time**

Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting - Saturday morning sorting sessions every Saturday from 10-noon. Donations can be dropped

**Sat Aug 26th 10:00am - 12:00pm**

**POSTPONED DUE TO FIRE IMPACTS**

**Junk in your Trunk rummage sale**

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**Find Your Voice!**

**Sat Aug 26th 2:00pm - 3:30pm**

**O'Brien Memorial Library will be CANCELED DUE TO FIRE IMPACTS**

**OREGON ROCKS presentation by the Museum of Natural and Cultural History**

CANCELLED DUE TO FIRE ACTIVITY The O'Brien Memorial Library is happy to host the University of Oregon's Museum of Natural

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**Springfield Public Schools**

**Mon Aug 28th 5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Springfield School Board work Session**

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**O'Brien Memorial Library Summer Reading Program prizes available 8/28-9/2**

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**Tue Aug 29th**  
**Lane County Board of Commissioners**

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**Tue Aug 29th 10:00am - 11:00am**

**Family Story Time**

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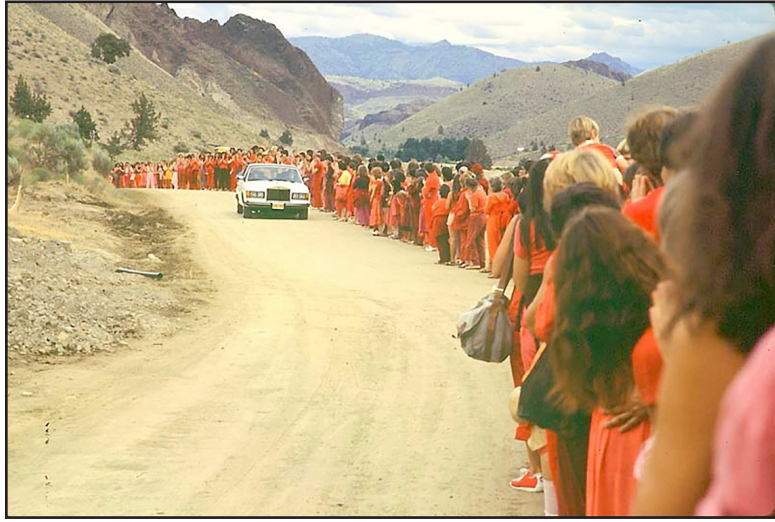
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# "Rolls-Royce Guru"

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Samvado Gunnar Kossatz

**Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh takes his daily drive along a road lined with his disciples. The drive was a regular daily ritual for sannyasins at the commune.**

themselves into his movement, and be a part of something that was creating (as they saw it) good things in the world.

Poisoning people, stockpiling and brandishing automatic weapons, ghosting ex-members, harassing former Antelope residents with cameras — these were all very off-brand actions for them. But more and more, these were coming to characterize life in Rajneeshpuram.

A creeping demoralization started percolating into the ranks of the sannyasins, and a sort of bunker mentality — a sense similar to that of a people at war. But, remember, these were people who had sold everything to start a new life in Rajneeshpuram. This was their home now; they had burned their boats. They had little choice other than to hunker down and hope for the best.

(Sources: "Rajneeshpuram," an episode of Oregon Experience produced by Eric Cain and Nadine Jelsing and aired Nov. 19, 2012, by Oregon Public Broadcasting; "Beyond the Ranch: Rajneesh Revisited," a three-part series by Cory Frye published July 8, 2018, in the Corvallis Gazette-Times; the Portland Oregonian's 20-part series on Rajneeshpuram, published June 30 through July 19, 1985, and 5-part series by reporter Les Zaitz published April 14, 2011)

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Ted Quackenbush

The town of Antelope as it appeared in the summer of 1985, after the Rajneeshes had taken control.

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# Dept. of Transportation invests in Oregon fish

By Alex Baumhardt  
Oregon Capital Chronicle  
The U.S. Department of Transportation is backing 26 projects to boost fish transit in Oregon that's been stymied by poor road and dam infrastructure.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, six counties and the Coquille Indian Tribe will receive more than \$19 million to get rid of barriers that have made it difficult for threatened fish to journey from freshwater rivers and streams to the ocean and back.

The federal agency on Wednesday announced the grants, which are funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed by Congress in 2021.

The bulk of the projects will involve repairing, redesigning or removing culverts, which are tunnels or bridges built under roads and railroad tracks to channel water so it flows below rather than on top of surfaces. Some projects will also involve removing and repairing short dams on rivers and streams called weirs, which are typically built to control water levels.

Deteriorating and outdated culverts and weirs play a role in declining populations of Oregon's native salmon, river herring and lamprey, which are born in freshwater and need clear passage to migrate to the ocean and return to freshwater to spawn.

The largest recipient of the funds, the state fish and wildlife department, will get \$9 million to repair and replace roads and culverts in the Rogue River watershed in southern Oregon and help connect and improve critical habitat for Chinook and coho salmon, sea run cutthroat trout and steelhead. More than 600 human-made barriers to fish migration remain in the watershed, according to the Rogue Basin Partnership.



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Spring Chinook salmon in the Rogue River watershed. More than 600 human-made barriers to fish migration remain in the watershed today.**

The Coquille Indian Tribe will receive \$1.5 million to remove or replace five culverts and eight weirs in the Smith Basin near the coast, ultimately reconnecting threatened salmon, steelhead, cutthroat trout, and lamprey to 62 miles of critical habitat.

About \$9.3 million is going to Lane, Clackamas, Coos, Tillamook, Lincoln and Multnomah counties for rebuilding culverts or replacing them with bridges in or-

der to connect fish with spawning habitat and passage.

The federal transportation department estimates about 68 million culverts in the U.S. were built using designs from the 1950s that did not take fish migration into account.

The agency is granting \$196 million this year to nearly 170 projects that will improve more than 550 miles of fish passage nationwide.



Roy Lowe/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Fisheries Biologist Christopher Claire helps with installation of a culvert on Redd Creek.

## There Are Good Things To Keep In Mind



As we deal with another challenging year, resolutions for change are a good idea. Among actions to avoid, however, would be spending your hard-earned dollars outside our local communities.

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

**August 24** - In the early days of sea exploration the Boston, a ship that had sailed from Boston Harbor, arrived on the North Pacific coast. Nootka Indians promptly captured the ship and killed the crew, except for two men who were spared to help the Indians forge metal into tools and weapons and to sew sails for their canoes. Two years later, another ship that had also sailed from Boston Harbor, rescued the men. With the coming of two ships from the same harbor the Indians believed Boston was an independent nation, and in later years the Chinook Jargon, a trade language of the Northwest tribes, applied the term "Boston Men" to all sailors from American ports.

**Quote of the Week**  
"Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is the probable reason why so few engage in it."  
Henry Ford

## Fishing Report

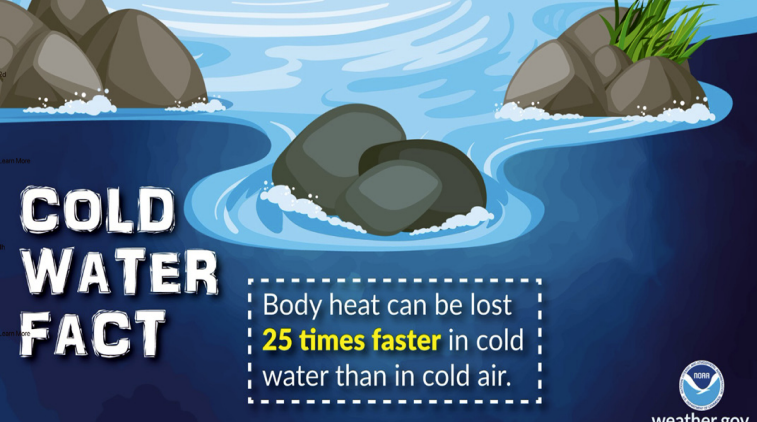
**McKenzie River:** All hatchery rainbow trout released into the McKenzie River are marked with an adipose fin clip and anglers must release all non fin-clipped (wild) trout in the mainstem river. The lower 11 miles of the McKenzie River below the Hayden Bridge - and the McKenzie River upstream from 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 this week were: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 2,566, and Clear Lake - 3,000.

**Fish Counts**  
**August 14, Willamette Falls**  
Spring Chinook - 23,410  
Summer Steelhead - 958



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# Lessons learned

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Greg Wentzel, of West Salem, searches through the remains of his vacation home in Detroit, Oregon with his children, Ozzy, 13, and Destiny, 8, in September 2020 after wildfires.

than 5,000 buildings and inflicted more than \$500 million of damages across the state. That wildfire season was Oregon's worst on record.

They coincided with the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic. The confluence of the pandemic and the wildfires partially shaped the state's response, as officials from across different agencies coordinated virtually at times to share information and map out the recovery. In some cases that helped, but collaboration might have been quicker had agency members been able to meet in person instead of relying on emails and video calls, the report concluded.

Due to the scope of the disaster, more than \$550 million has poured into Oregon through Federal Emergency Management Agency programs. That includes nearly \$40 million for individual households in Oregon, much of it housing assistance.

The state Department of Emergency Management plays a key role in coordinating resources after disasters, a mammoth undertaking that can involve numerous state and local agencies, community organizations, nonprofits and shelters. The report will provide guidance as the state updates and revises its disaster recovery plan, a document that guides Oregon's response for a variety of disasters, not just wildfires. That work will take months, but officials are already putting lessons learned into practice.

Now, for example, state officials monitor wildfires before they are within striking distance of populated areas so they can respond quicker if necessary.

"Prior to 2020, we would wait for damages to take place," said Stan Thomas, OEM deputy director and Mitigation and Recovery Section Division director. "Today we are tracking wildfires that are within what I would consider a fair distance of populated areas."

**Report findings**

The report's findings include:

- \* Several agencies needed to work together better to respond to shortages of drinking water. Initially, local and state officials had little information about public drinking water systems, how they operated and who regulated them, causing delays in restoring potable water to communities. The agency soon set up a task force across

several state and local agencies to restore drinking water, sewer systems and watershed protection to burned areas.

- \* Economic recovery work among agencies was hampered by requests from different sources, often for the same information but in different formats.

- \* Economic recovery personnel also reported confusion with directives from multiple sources and competing priorities without a clear command structure. This led to delays, the report said.

- \* Agencies struggled to reconcile data from different sources, such as property tax records and state records. This led to delays in recovery assistance for property owners. "It also slowed down the initial stages of recovery at the local level, frustrating residents and diminishing trust between survivors and their local government," the report said.

- \* The state didn't have strong connections with local nonprofits and other community organizations, partly because COVID-19 restrictions hampered their ability to meet groups in person. "This led to some inexperienced, unvetted local organizations and organizations outside the impacted area receiving large donations," the report said.

Next steps moving forward  
The report makes a variety of recommendations, including::

- \* Developing improved ways to share data and information between organizations.

- \* Creating clear guidelines on what agency takes a lead role in temporary housing and shelter needs and what agency is responsible for long-term housing needs.

- \* Identify how water needs will

be addressed in future recovery efforts and list potential agencies that could play a role depending on the situation.

Challenges related to information-sharing also unfold on a national level during disasters, Thomas said, adding that there are ongoing efforts about how to centralize data collection.

That way, survivors won't need to repeat their accounts.

"When a survivor talks to the Red Cross or a survivor talks to FEMA or a survivor talks to a state agency, those individual organizations can't share that personal information without written consent from the survivor," he said. "We had so many organizations that were getting involved, what we ended up doing was the survivor had to repeat their story 20 times, which is not healthy for the survivor."

Thomas said the work of putting the recommendations and rewriting the state's plan could take about a year and involve input from different agencies and people.

The plans are important to prepare Oregon for the next disaster and help communities be resilient, he said.

Another fire season like 2020 is possible, as is any other type of natural disaster, he said.

"As we look to the future and we look at our climate changing, I think that we will have more disasters, and I think the disasters that we have will be more severe," he said. "I don't want to look at the crystal ball and see dark skies. However, yes, we could have another straight line wind event and firestorm like we had in 2020. We could have more severe ice storms and winter storms."

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# Sheriff's Report

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Rd.  
**12:51 p.m:** Civil Service - 90700 blk, Hill Rd.  
**12:54 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 90300 blk, Sunderman Rd.  
**4:29 p.m:** Hit & Run - Marcola RO. & Old Mohawk Rd.  
**4:42 p.m:** Lost Subject - Lat: 44.0988. Long: -121.8926.  
**5:46 pm** Suspicious Vehicle - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.  
**11:01 pm** Emergency Message - Lat: 44.16141666. Long: -121.99375.  
**Aug. 14: 12:28 a.m:** Welfare Check - 49700 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**1:29a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.  
**1:37 a.m:** Welfare Check - 54400 blk, McK. River Dr.  
**3:24 a.m:** Prowler - 38400 blk, Wendling Rd.  
**12:23 p.m:** Water Rescue - McK. River.  
**1:34 p.m:** Extortion - 88400 blk, Stephens Rd.  
**4:30 p.m:** Assault - 40100 blk, York Ln.  
**5:07 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - Lat: 44.179201. Long: -122.897379.  
**5:57 p.m:** Fraud - 92800 blk, Regal Ln.  
**Aug. 15: 3:24 a.m:** Prowler - 38400 blk, Wendling Rd.  
**4:55 p.m:** Extortion - 88400 blk, Stephens Rd.  
**9:34 p.m:** Explosion - 49700

blk, McK. Hwy.  
**Aug. 16: 6:09 a.m:** Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.  
**3:56 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. & Parsons Creek Rd.  
**1:36 p.m:** Animal Complaint - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**2:21 p.m:** Restraining Order Service - 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd.  
**4:34 p.m:** Restraining Order Service - 88100 blk, Tiki Ln.  
**11:39 p.m:** Incomplete 911 Call - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.  
**Aug. 17: 1:37 p.m:** Loud Noise - 39000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd.  
**4:29 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Hendricks Park Rd. & McK. Hwy.  
**8:39 p.m:** Shots Fired - 88900 blk, Easy Ln.  
**11:54 p.m:** Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.  
**Aug. 18: 12:42 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 37300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.  
**2:24 p.m:** Burglary - 54600 blk, McK. River Dr.  
**3:28 p.m:** Assist Public - 91900 blk, Taylor Rd.  
**4:47 p.m:** Burglary - 91800 blk, Taylor Rd.  
**7:01 p.m:** Hit & Run - 38400 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**7:07 p.m:** Intoxicated Subject - 49500 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**7:56 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - Leaburg Dr. & McK. Hwy.  
**7:21 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 36900 blk, Conley Rd.  
**9:31 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Horse Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy.  
**10:14 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 92200 blk, School

House St.  
**Aug. 19: 12:16 p.m:** Smoke - Shotgun Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.  
**12:51 p.m:** Criminal Trespass - 51200 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**1:08 p.m:** Disorderly Subject - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.  
**4:02 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 38100 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**4:07 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 51200 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**5:19 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - 89400 blk, Hill Rd.  
**6:00 p.m:** Assist, Information - 54700 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**6:41 p.m:** Disorderly Party - 90800 blk, Hill Rd.  
**8:34 p.m:** Reckless Endangering - 49500 blk, McK. Hwy.  
**Aug. 20: 12:18 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 7500 blk, Thurston Rd.  
**1:02 a.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - McK. River Dr. & Mill Creek Rd.  
**4:32 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 91400 blk, Donna Rd.  
**11:24 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - McK. Hwy. & Milepost 32.  
**Aug. 21: 2:03 a.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Old Mohawk Rd. & Marcola Rd.  
**2:43 a.m:** Disabled Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & McK. River Dr.  
**10:09 a.m:** Criminal Mischief - 89100 blk, Marcola Rd.  
**11:50 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - McK. Hwy. & Thurston Rd.  
**Comments, as reported, may not be complete or accurate. If further information is required contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office.**

## What is this figure?



Located about 1 mile west of Bear Creek and visible from Hwy. 126 near Milepost 30.5, this figure appeared about a month ago. Some people on social media offered a variety of suggestions but property owner Benny Coleman says it's doing the job he intended it for - scaring off geese that had been leaving behind unwanted reminders.

## Certified Burn Manager Program is accepting applications

The Oregon Department of Forestry's Certified Burn Manager (CBM) Program is now accepting applications for both burn managers and qualified training providers. The overall purpose of the program is to reduce barriers to prescribed fire in Oregon and protect certified burn managers and landowners from civil liability. The program, created by Senate Bill 762 (2021), increases capacity for prescribed burns on non-federal, ODF-protected lands through leadership training and a certification program. Through the certification program, individuals seeking to become burn managers learn how to properly plan and oversee a prescribed burn. When a landowner or community within an ODF protection district uses a certified burn manager, and follows the required burn plan, it protects both from civil liability. The certified burn manager can manage a burn any-

where within ODF protection, whether on their own property or that of other landowners. A potential burn manager does not need to be a landowner to become certified. Expanding access to safely conducted prescribed burns benefits Oregonians by maintaining healthy forests and reducing risks to public safety. Reintroducing periodic fire to fire-adapted landscapes reduces the potential for high-intensity wildfires along with the huge volume of smoke they produce. ODF is seeking applications from individuals interested in becoming certified burn managers and training providers with experience creating and delivering wildland fire training to deliver content based upon a detailed certified burn manager instructor guide and final exam provided by ODF. Apply online at <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/pages/prescribed-fire.aspx>.

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Upper Johnson Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
**12:05:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist/Walk In. No Treatment.  
**10:55:** 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Assistance, Other.  
**18:07:** 39000 blk, Upper Camp Cr. Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported  
**Aug. 16: 11:22:** 91000 blk, Marbrook Ln. Mutual Aid. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**18:47:** 35000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Public Assist. Investigate, Homeowner Advised of Restrictions.  
**Aug. 17: 0:15:** 48000 blk, McK. Hwy. MVA. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.  
**10:21:** 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
**Aug. 19: 14:17:** 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Aid Provided, 1 Transported.  
**Aug. 20: 4:05:** 88000 blk, Millican Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.  
**Aug. 21: 7:25:** 38000 blk, MJ Chase Rd. Illegal Burn. Investigate, BBQ Found.

**9:09:** 38000 blk, Flowerdale Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.  
**McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, September 18<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.**

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## HOLIDAY FARM FIRE RECOVERY FUNDING LETTERS OF INTEREST DUE SEPTEMBER 4, 2023 AT 5 P.M.

Non-profits, schools, governments, districts, councils of government, and public authorities serving the McKenzie River corridor are invited to submit a letter of interest for wildfire recovery funding from the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Revitalization (PIER) program. The funds can support:

- Planning for housing recovery, economic analysis, hazard mitigation, disasters, or education and outreach.
- Rebuilding or replacing impacted infrastructure and/or building new infrastructure.
- Retaining or returning businesses, microenterprises, or jobs.

For more information, please see [lanecountyor.gov/PIER](http://lanecountyor.gov/PIER) and the Oregon Housing and Community Services Disaster Recovery page ([re.oregon.gov](http://re.oregon.gov)).

Letters of interest will be reviewed by a committee composed of wildfire survivors, disaster recovery partners, and special districts and includes representatives from Rural Development Initiatives, McKenzie Community Land Trust, Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District, McKenzie Track and Field, McKenzie Fire and Rescue, McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group, McKenzie Community Partners, McKenzie Food Pantry, McKenzie School District, McKenzie Discovery Center,

McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals, Eugene Water and Electric Board, and Lane County. The group will formally vote on priorities during upcoming public meetings.

If you'd like to submit a Letter of Interest, have any questions, or would like to receive PIER public meeting invitations in-person or online, please contact [Megan.m.heurion@lanecountyor.gov](mailto:Megan.m.heurion@lanecountyor.gov) or 541-852-8259.

