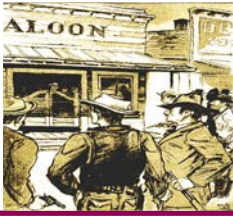




Sheriff's Report

Neighbor has been throwing dead fish over fence into caller's yard

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Vigilantes booted

They were a gang of masked riders on "borrowed" horses

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Direct Answers

He had a problem (a fifth of whiskey and half a case of beer every night).

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Wolves may gain extra protection

USFWS says ESA listing may be warranted



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, after completing the initial review of two petitions, says listing gray wolves again in the western U.S. under the Endangered Species Act may be warranted due to potential increases in human-caused mortality under new hunting and trapping rules in Idaho and Montana approved after wolves were de-listed.

The decision comes in response to emergency petitions from the Center for Biological Diversity, the Humane Society of the United States, Humane Society Legislative Fund and Sierra Club.

Wolves lost their federal protections when the Trump administration finalized a national delisting rule in January. Since then, management of wolves has fallen to state wildlife agencies.

"The Service finds that the petitions present substantial, credible information indicating that a listing action may be warranted and will initiate a comprehensive status review of the gray wolf in the western U.S.," said the agency.

"The Service finds the petitioners present substantial information that potential increases in human-caused mortality may pose a threat to the gray wolf in the western U.S. The Service also finds that new regulatory mechanisms in Idaho and Montana may be inadequate to address this threat. Therefore, the Service finds that gray wolves in the western U.S. may warrant listing."

On June 1, 2021, the Service received a petition (dated May 26, 2021) to list the gray wolf Northern Rocky Mountain Distinct Population Segment (DPS) or a new western U.S. DPS as a threatened or endangered species under the ESA. The Service received a second, similar petition on July 29, 2021. The Federal Register notice will serve as the 90-day finding for both petitions.

Under the ESA, a DPS is a

portion of a species' or subspecies' population or range and is described geographically instead of biologic ally. The first petition proposes listing a Northern Rocky Mountain DPS consisting of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, the eastern one-third of Washington and Oregon, and a small portion of north-central Utah. Both petitions also propose some alternative Western U.S. DPS to include all, or part, of the Northern Rocky Mountain DPS states with the addition of California, Colorado, Nevada, and in one petition, northern Arizona.

Substantial 90-day findings require only that the petitioner provide information that the proposed action may be warranted. The next steps for the Service include in-depth status reviews and analyses using the best available science and information to arrive at a 12-month finding on whether listing is warranted. If so, listing a species is done through a separate rulemaking process, with public notice and comment.

The 90-day finding can be found here.

Numerous Tribal organizations are also calling for the emergency relisting of gray wolves and for the Biden administration to honor treaty and trust obligations that require consultation with the Tribes on protection and management of gray wolves.

"Given the immediate threat facing the gray wolf as the result of states enacting anti-wolf policies that present a real potential of decimating wolf populations, we write to desperately urge you to immediately act upon the emergency petition filed on May 26, 2021, to relist the gray wolf as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)," said a letter from the tribal organizations to the Interior Department. "Just as important, we also call on you to exercise existing authority

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Eugene Water & Electric rates still up for review

2021 Holiday Farm Fire recovery costs to total \$4.27 million

EUGENE: The price of power came up again at the September 7th virtual meeting of the Eugene Water & Electric Board. In a report to the utility, chief financial officer Deborah Hart asked commissioners to consider switching from an annual cost of service analysis (COSA) to one covering a three-year period.

"The shift from a single year to multi-year analysis provides management and the board insight into estimated costs for a longer period of time that is better aligned with the time frame of strategic initiatives," according to the report.

Wondering whether the utility could reduce the amount of energy it purchases by incentivizing solar and weatherization programs was board member John Barofsky.

Adam Rue, the utility's fiscal services supervisor noted there are philosophical issues for commissioners to consider when looking at specifics like solar subsidies that go beyond discussions related to service costs.

General manager Frank Lawton agreed, saying that, "Those are

absolutely policy decisions that we want to get to in the next few years when it comes to construction and how pricing and rates are formulated."

"I want to see as many people as possible invest in solar or alternative energy or weatherization," according to board president Mindy Schlossberg. She said she favored reducing energy use or finding alternative energy sources to cut back on EWEB's carbon footprint.

Cautioning about how the fate of the Leaburg hydroelectric plant could affect the utility's bottom line was EWEB's at large commissioner John Brown. Decisions about whether to repair that facility's canals or decommission the project haven't yet been made. Brown also reminded the board they would have to consider the costs of constructing another potential drinking water source as well.

Rue said EWEB's staff is currently looking at, "A three-year trajectory that doesn't include those investments." He said by switching to a three-year COSA, "It will give us an opportunity internally to see how effectively

we're tracking with a longer term, more detailed view."

Updating the board on EWEB's McKenzie Watershed and Restoration Plan was that program's manager, Karl Morgenstern. He outlined a three-phase approach for 2022 - 2023 that was designed to protect the metro area's drinking water.

A water user's surcharge is generating the \$2.15 million the utility will spend on what it calls risk-based actions scheduled for next year. Activities in this part of the program are focused on properties in and around severely burned areas affected by the Holiday Farm Fire.

EWEB plans to work with the Northwest Youth Corps and contractors to deal with erosion issues, fuel loads, invasive weed problems and revegetation. In addition, the utility is offering up to \$7,000 in grants to encourage people to rebuild their homes in areas outside riparian zones or in the floodplain.

EWEB is also open to purchasing lands from people who don't plan to rebuild. Morgenstern said these

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Commissioners give Vida Community Center rebuild a nudge

Agreement ends confusing easement provisions

VIDA: Some paperwork from the past that could have held up plans to rebuild the Vida McKenzie Community Center (VMCC) was corrected on Tuesday. At the September 21st meeting of the Lane County Board of Commissioners approved easements that were a win for both sides.

Agreements dating back several decades included access to drinking water and the placement of a restroom. In the 1950's an easement for a water line taking water from a spring was to be granted to the McKenzie River Club by Lane County. Not long after that, the county developed an adjoining park with a parking lot and a boat ramp to provide access to the McKenzie River. That facility included restroom facilities located to the north of the park.

Following the destruction of the organization's building during the Holiday Farm fire, the Vida McKenzie Community Center, successor to the McKenzie River Club, had their property surveyed and the waterline located.

The survey showed that, due to a misunderstanding of the location of the property line dividing the two properties, the county's restroom building had been constructed entirely on the VMCC property. In addition, the location of the water line serving the VMCC didn't jibe with the original 1950 easement.

Under the agreement adopted this week, the VMCC granted the county an easement onto its property that will allow the restroom building to remain on the its property. In exchange, the

granted the VMCC an easement for its well and waterline in a manner that does not interfere with the use of the park.

Both easements would continue in effect until and unless the restroom building or waterline and well are abandoned.

"The proposed agreements resolve the issue of the County's improperly located structure and will allow that structure to remain in its present location without additional cost to the County," according to county parks division manager Brett Henry. "The easement to be granted to the VMCC will allow for its continued use of its well and for its buried water line, which does not detract from use of the Park property, and supports the community through the VMCC nonprofit organization."

Ridin' the Rapids

By Ken Engelman

Growing up, my older brother, Frank, reminded me of Dick Tracy. No, he didn't have a wrist-watch phone but he was the only teenager I knew of in the Sixties who could play records in his '57 Chevy as he drove down the road.

There were other indicators that previewed he'd go on to pursue a career in electronics. Sneaking into his basement workshop allowed me to twist knobs on his oscilloscope without knowing anything about what the squiggles on the screen meant. I also found the "secret" telephone he'd wired inside his bedroom closet so he could call girls without the family listening in.

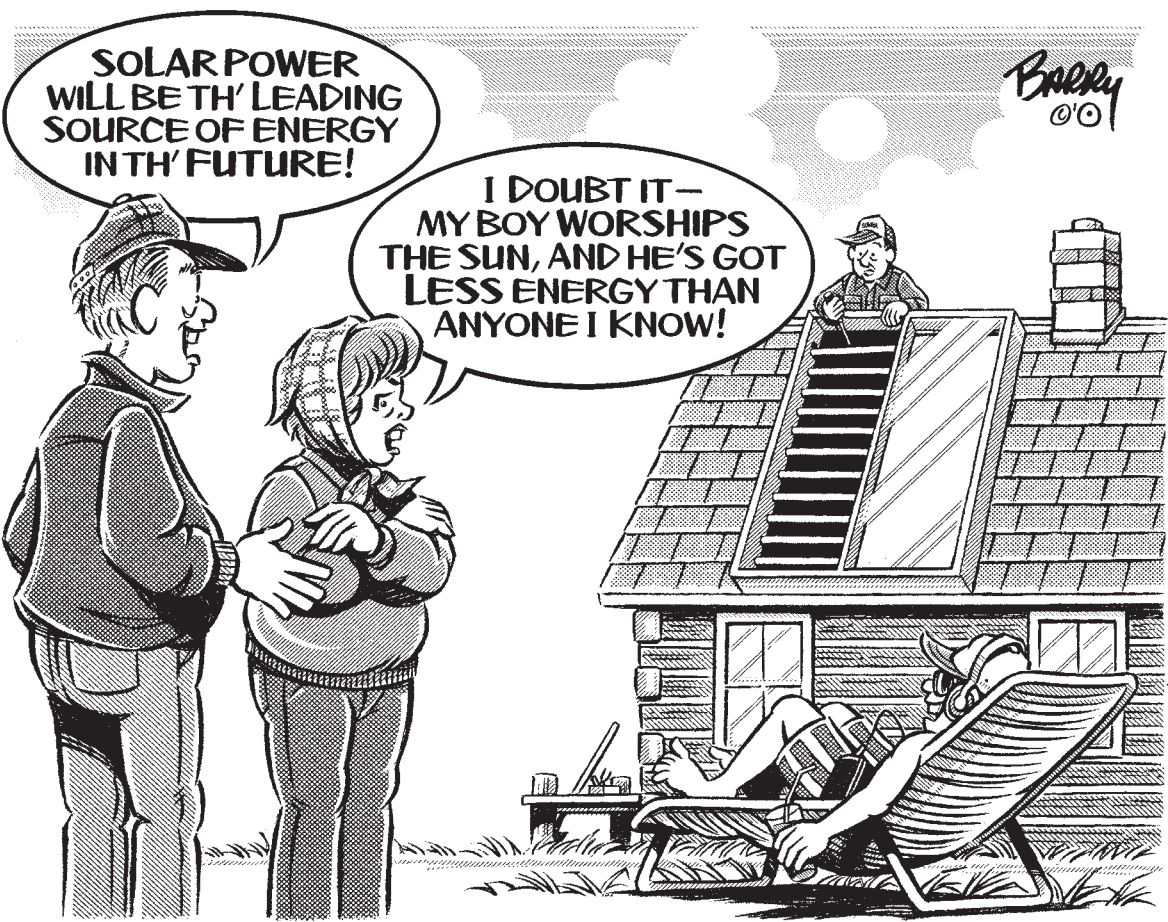
As the years went by went he was employed to work on software design and programming, winding

up his career at Intel testing new products for homeowners and seniors.

He stuck to that mindset after retiring in 2011, and he sometimes sends me examples of the fruits of the work he's continued to do on his own. One is a faucet that lights up when entering the bathroom and turns on without dirty hands touching it. His other projects range from detectors that can prevent flooding in laundry rooms or fires on cookstoves when burners aren't turned off.

The interesting thing about his approach is that rather just testing and commenting on commercial products he's been adding other features, like an audible reminder when a toilet seat is left up, as well as developing much simpler ways to operate thermostats.

Finally, he's been sharing his reviews and do-it-yourself tips an online format called, "Tech-enhanced life for seniors," that I've recently added to our website. If you'd like to take a look, go to: shorturl.at/opIS3 and scroll down.



Beavers could build habitat for threatened species



Beavers are often translocated to restore populations in areas, reduce their conflicts with humans and to take advantage of their ability to improve ecosystems.

However, few studies have accessed the impacts of dispersing beavers, making it difficult to determine best practices for translocations. A new study from scientists at Oregon State University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Wildlife Research Center begins to change that.

The scientists, who collected genetic samples from almost 300 beavers in the Coast Range of western Oregon, sought to understand whether landscape features, such as slope and distance to water, influenced gene flow among beavers.

They detected relatively strong genetic differentiation of beavers, which they believe is shaped by watershed boundaries and past relocations of the rodents. This led them to recommend that relocation efforts of beavers in topographically complex landscapes,

like the Coast Range, occur within watersheds when possible.

"We wanted to see if there were things that are limiting beaver dispersal in western Oregon, whether they are not able to disperse because of geography or some physical limits," said Jimmy Taylor, a research wildlife biologist with the U.S.D.A's National Wildlife Research Center in Corvallis and a courtesy faculty member at Oregon State. "Our findings indicate that doesn't seem to be the case. They seem to be moving freely within watersheds, with at least occasional movements between watersheds."

The overharvest of beavers during the 16th to 19th centuries in North America is well documented. This legacy, however, sometimes overshadows the restoration of beaver populations throughout North America in the 20th century.

Spurred by the population restoration, there has been growing interest in the western United States in using beavers for stream restoration projects that can restore

floodplain connectivity, improve grazing opportunities for livestock, mitigate increasing aridity and provide habitat for threatened species, such as Oregon Coast coho salmon.

In the recently published paper, the researchers focused on beavers in the Coast Range of Oregon, a region characterized by multiple watersheds, dense forests and steep hillside slopes.

The team reviewed the limited scientific literature and historical documents about beavers in the region and concluded not much is known about beaver history or ecology in the area. They did, however, find records showing more than 700 beavers were released in the area between 1939 and 1951 by the state to provide optimal distribution of the species.

"Beavers are a really storied part of this landscape and they are an iconic species for Oregon," said Clint Epps, a wildlife biologist at Oregon State and co-author of the paper. "For me, it was kind of a mystery of how beavers have persisted in this Coast Range landscape. How much of that was influenced by translocation? How much of it was just beavers persisting on their own? I can't say we directly tested this. But from looking at the translocation records and the genetic structure it looks to me like they hung on in this landscape."

The researchers collected genetic samples from 292 beavers from 12 counties along the Oregon Coast. They live-trapped 232. The remainder were either road kill or supplied by trappers.

They then mapped records of beaver translocations during the 20th century to consider the effect of those movements on the genetic structure of beavers.

They concluded that slope and distance to water did not strongly limit dispersal and gene flow by beavers in this system, but that dispersal is more common within watersheds, as opposed to between watersheds.

"This is a native species" Taylor said. "I'm pleased we see gene flow. This is an animal that's well established and dispersing in its native ecosystem."

Taylor is also hopeful that this research will lead to a greater appreciation of beavers in the Coast Range, where they are not as visible because they don't tend to build dams or lodges in that landscape.

"There are a lot of beavers on the landscape but people don't know that because they don't see the classic signs that they learned in children's books," he said. "Part of what I'm trying to do is politely, respectfully educate people that there are a lot more on the landscape out there, and they

are not all providing the cascading series of dams that people are looking for, but they still contribute to ecosystem services."

Other authors of the paper are Vanessa Petro, a senior faculty research assistant in Oregon State's College of Forestry, who did most of the trapping; Rachel Crowhurst, a senior faculty research assistant in Oregon State's College of Agricultural Sciences, who did the genetic analysis; Tyler Creech, who worked with Epps at Oregon State and is now at the Center for Large Landscape Conservation in Bozeman, Montana; and Matthew Weldy, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Forestry, Ecosystems, and Society at Oregon State.

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would include property owners who, "See an opportunity to give towards conservation." Once a sale was completed, EWEB would remove the burned homes, along with septic systems and driveways before restoring the area.

Other work for the upcoming year centers around restoring ground in floodplains and along the streambanks of tributaries feeding the McKenzie River.

Morgenstern said placing logs and other large sections of wood in a waterway acts so well, that,

"We're now calling it 'catcher meds,'" because it effectively slows flows to the point where sediment settles out.

The proposed 2022 - 2023 Restoration budget totals \$4,275,000 and is split between the restoration and resiliency projects.

In addition to restoring the scorched landscape, Morgenstern said, "The floodplain projects work as a good firebreak. The trees and vegetation take up nutrients and create shade," he added.

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Citizens of Prineville finally challenged, defeated Vigilantes without a shot

By Finn J.D. John

In the last few months of 1882, a group of prominent Prineville-area stockmen were leading a double life: Ranchers by day, and masked outlaw riders by night. They called themselves The Vigilantes.

The Vigilantes, as you'll likely recall from last week's article, had formed out of a posse that was assembled to arrest a murderer. They brought him in, but the next morning, the posse members broke into the deputy sheriff's room, gunned down the murderer, and lynched his hired hand.

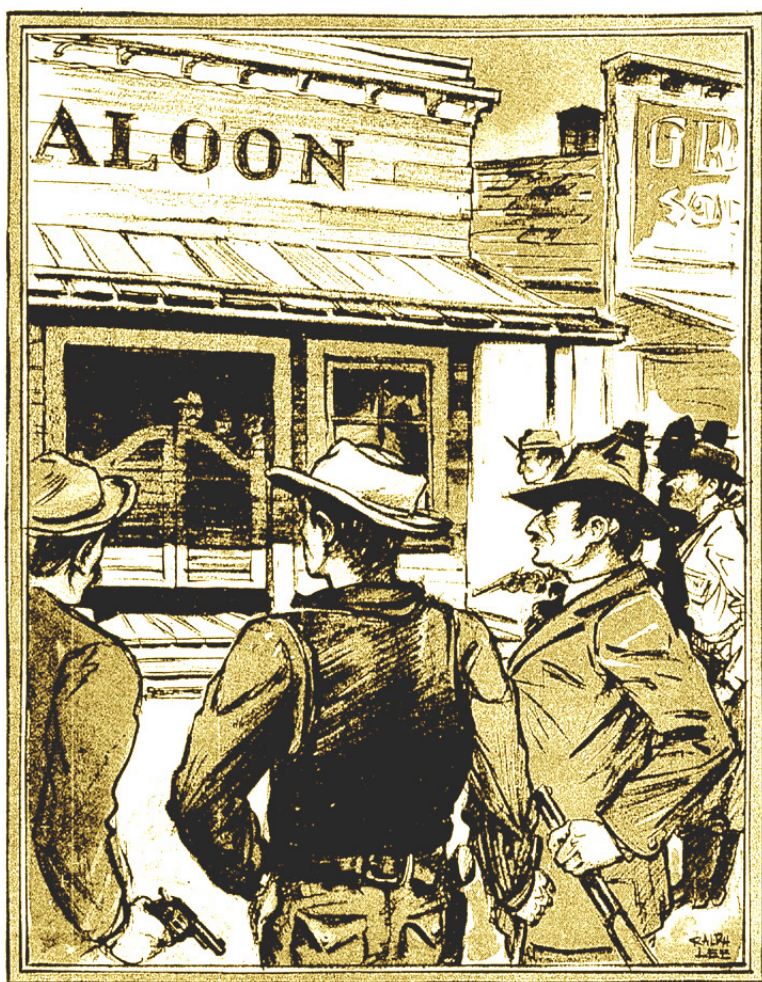
The Vigilantes had, in those early days, at least some community support. Before they'd formed, law enforcement in the Prineville area had been very light, and by several accounts worse than useless. The Vigilantes may have been scary, but they did bring something approximating law and order to the area — at least, at first.

And that's probably why, when the governor created Crook County in January 1883, the county officers and court officials he appointed were nearly all drawn from the ranks of the Vigilantes. (The idea was, the officials would be appointed by the governor, and then run for their offices in the next election year — 1884.)

Vigilantes lose popularity

But the Vigilantes' popularity didn't last long. It's hard to see how it possibly could have. They were a gang of masked riders on "borrowed" horses dispensing summary justice by stealth and by night, and keeping the town in line by delivering death threats signed with a skull and crossbones. Nothing scary there, right?

When several of the Vigilantes lynched a young horse jockey just a few days after he double-crossed them by not "throwing" a race they'd bet on, Prineville residents got the message loud and clear: The Vigilantes weren't the solution; they were the problem.



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The Citizens' Protective Union, 75 strong, waited in the street in front of Til Glaze's saloon as their leader, Jim Blakely, challenged the Vigilantes to come out. They didn't, and after that day, the Crook County Vigilantes never rode again.

They were accountable to nobody, and they were out of control.

Blamed for every murder

Oddly enough, this was a big problem for the Vigilantes too. The Vigilantes always claimed their goal was to be part of a solution to the frontier lawlessness of the early '80s, and for most of them, there's no reason to doubt their sincerity. But now they were getting blamed for every bit of lawlessness that happened in Crook County, including several murders that may have been completely unrelated to their gang's activities.

One of these was a rancher who was found shot in the head, around the same time another rancher vanished without a trace. Both ranchers had made critical comments about the Vigilantes in public, so most residents assumed these were revenge killings. But nobody really knew.

Then, a few months later, there was an argument between two young men in a Prineville saloon. One of them, 17-year-old "Mossy" Barnes, pulled a gun on the other, who was unarmed, and shot him in the chest. Before he died, the victim told Jim Blakely he'd recognized the gun "Mossy" used to shoot him as belonging to

Vigilante honcho Colonel William "Bud" Thompson.

Thompson denied this, but didn't do himself any favors when, several months later, he gunned down the murdered man's brother in another saloon. Blakely, who claims he was there, says Thompson walked up behind him and shot him in the back of the neck, execution-style. Thompson, in his memoirs, says he shot the man in an Old West-style gunfight after the victim tried to draw on him.

Crook County officials investigated, but the grand jury declined to indict; Blakely blames this on the presence of so many Vigilantes in county office. The widow sued in civil court and won a \$3,600 judgment, though.

The "Moonshiners" form up

After this incident, two things happened: First, Blakely got together with two other Prineville residents — John Combs and Sam Smith — to form the nucleus of an anti-Vigilante "gang" called the Citizens Protective Union, which became better known as the "Moonshiners."

The Moonshiners made a point of never wearing masks or operating in secret. They called themselves "Moonshiners" because they stood watch on moonlit nights, making sure there were no masked riders galloping around delivering letters or bullets.

The second thing that happened was, Thompson left town; perhaps he saw the writing on the wall. He moved to Alturas, Calif., where he ran the town newspaper and got involved in another round of vigilante activity that resulted in several lynchings there.

Saber-rattling

Back in Prineville, though, things were reaching the boiling point. The stockmen's association that the Vigilantes all belonged to had a meeting and, essentially, marked out Blakely as their next hit. They also boasted that it was

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By Slim Randles

Before Herb Collins retired, he owned a pawnshop up in the city. A successful pawnshop. And one of the ways he likes to repay society for his good fortune is to speak to the fifth graders at our local elementary school during Career Week.

And that's why he was here again this year, attempting to springboard any number of ten-year-olds into the glories of buying low and selling high.

But this year there was a difference. Some of the kids were looking over at Jimmy Thomas and Elise Jamison and couldn't control their giggles. Jimmy and Elise, however, tried to look very sober and businesslike.

When Herb got close to the end of his time in front of the class, he asked, as he does each year, if there were any questions.

Jimmy and Elise raised their hands. Herb pointed to Elise.

"Mr. Collins," she said, "in these days of insecurity in the market place, how would the use of debentures stack up as an alternative to trade?"

Herb stammered. "Well, I'm not real sure about that, young lady. I'll have to get back to you on that."

He saw Jimmy's hand in the air. "Yes," he said, pointing at him.

"Mr. Collins," Jimmy said, "wouldn't the use of unsecured bonds be counterintuitive to the agreement we currently share with other members of the World Bank?"

"Uh ..."

Herb looked at his watch and excused himself to keep an appointment he didn't realize he had until he needed it.

The kids cracked up. So did the teacher. "Okay," she said, "good job you two. How did you guys come to ask those questions?"

"Doc wrote 'em down for us," Jimmy said.

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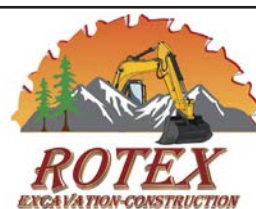
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Gardening Tips

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Clematis climb into a special place in the garden

As they climb up trellises and trees unfurling large, lusciously colored flowers, clematis put on a special show in the garden.

These garden favorites need a little special handling at the start but once established clematis (clem-ah-tis or cla-mat-is) grow and flower year after year.

Clematis vines have three main requirements to thrive – sunlight on their stems and leaves; cool and moist but not wet roots; and support for climbing, according to Oregon State University Extension Service experts.

To provide ample sunlight, plant the vine where it will get at least six hours of daylight. Filtered shade during the hottest part of summer will help keep dark-colored blooms from fading. For a cool root zone, use mulch or organic compost, or plant low-growing shrubs or perennials that will shade the base of the vine. For support use a fence, trellis, small tree, tall shrub or another vine, such as climbing rose or wisteria.

The diversity of clematis is stunning. There are evergreen and deciduous. Some have large purple, white or pink blossoms; others are small, creamy and fragrant; others have yellow or cerulean blue bell shaped flowers. Bloom time varies from once-bloomers in spring or summer, twice bloomers in spring and fall, or only in fall.

Deciduous clematis are hardy in all Oregon climates. Evergreen varieties like sweet-smelling, winter-blooming Clematis

armandii, are more sensitive to the cold and perform best in western valleys and the coast.

When planting clematis, give roots plenty of room: Dig a large hole, 2 feet deep and nearly as wide. If the soil is very heavy or has lots of clay, add fine bark, manure, compost and/or peat moss. The more organic matter, the better. Add lime if the soil is acidic.

If your garden tends toward clay, rough up the sides of the planting hole to prevent “glazing,” which can keep the roots from growing beyond the smooth sides of the planting hole into the surrounding soil. The roughing up can also keep water from pooling in the planting hole during the wet season.

Set the plant in the hole with the crown two to three inches below the soil surface. Stake the vine until it has grown enough to reach its permanent support. A new clematis should be well-watered, but not overfed. Once established,



it will respond well to rose or tomato food, or any fertilizer in the range of 5-10-5 or 5-10-10 or good compost or chicken manure. Feed three times a year in spring, summer and fall.

As clematis like to keep its feet cool, insulate the root zone of your clematis with a thick mulch of straw, leaves or bark. Or plant a low-growing perennial or place a rock on the south side of your clematis to help keep the root area shaded.

Pinch out the tips of new shoots once or twice during the first growing season to encourage branching near the base of the vine.

Most clematis will perform better with an annual pruning. Those that bloom during summer on new wood need heavy pruning in winter or early spring, or they will look thin and stringy. The kinds that bloom in the spring on last year’s wood can do without pruning, but are better if cut back lightly after they have finished flowering in the later spring or summer.

If given a good start, and a little maintenance, your clematis can live for a long time.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



SQUASH, AN AUTUMN FAVORITE

Squash, in its many shapes and varieties, makes a hit in the fall... for eating and decoration. This hard tough covered vegetable will save into the winter when stored in a dark, dry place.

This vegetable comes in many types. Among them are: Hubbard, acorn (the traditional dark green), white acorn, gold acorn, table ace, butternut, bush, sugar loaf, buttercup, sugar, and turban.

Decorative Ideas for Squash

In addition to providing food for fall and winter, squash with hard shells provide decorative accents, both indoors and out.

- * Place near your doorway, around a display of dried corn stalks, perhaps with pumpkins and gourds, too.
- * Arrange squash and winter vegetables in a bowl on a sideboard, dining or kitchen table.
- * Simply arrayed throughout the house wherever a colorful accent is needed, they look nice.
- * Also displayed in a crock or basket in a front hallway they add color..
- * Place in gift baskets with other fall fruit and vegetables.

Recipes

As mentioned, you can prepare squash in a great variety of ways - soup, casseroles, desserts, and breads.

MASHED SQUASH - Simply cooked (boiled or baked), scooped out and mashed, served with butter and a dash of cinnamon, makes an easy to prepare vegetable dish.

SQUASH PIE - Substitute

cooked, mashed winter squash for the pumpkin in a recipe. It’s tasty. I usually can’t tell the difference, but some people claim they can.

BAKED ACORN SQUASH with APPLE FILLING - Wash 2 acorn squash, cut into halves lengthwise; scoop out the seeds and fiber. Place in a baking pan with the cut side down. Add 1/2 inch boiling water. Bake at 400 degrees F. for about 20 minutes.

Using 3 tart apples, peel, core and dice them. Mix with 2- 3 tablespoons melted butter and 2 - 3 tablespoons maple syrup or honey.

Take squash from oven, and turn cut side up. Brush with melted butter. Fill squash with apple mixture. Cover the pan with foil, and then continue baking at 400 degrees F. for 30 minutes, or until the apples and squash are tender.

ACORN SQUASH VARIATION - Many people serve the squash plain. Turn them right side up and sprinkle with cinnamon, possibly a little sugar, and a dab of butter. Finish baking until tender. You also can substitute maple syrup or honey for the sugar.

MORE VARIATIONS - Some cooks make bread stuffing, like that used for turkey, chicken or pork and fill the squash with it instead of apples. You also can add cranberries to the apples (recipe above) or to the bread stuffing. In the South, cooks might use cornbread stuffing.

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Blue Elderberry

Cool September mornings signal the annual return to school, and as kids climb onto buses, migrating birds feast on native fruits, like blue elderberry (*Sambucus nigra* ssp. *cerulea*), to power their own annual return south.

Blue elderberry is a short-lived, deciduous tree with opposite, compound leaves that grows up to 20 feet. Found throughout the western US in moist, sunny sites, its expansive root systems help stabilize eroding streambanks and slopes. Its flat-topped clusters of white flowers ripen into powder-blue berries, favored by migrating grosbeaks, tanagers and vireos, as well as towhees, grouse and quail.

Blue elderberry has found favor with people, too. The flowers, combined with peppermint leaves, are used as a traditional tea for sweating out colds and fevers; its berries are popularly made into syrup or wine and used

to prevent influenza infections. The plant's name reflects the ancient use of its hollow stems to stoke hearth fires: in middle English aeld means "fire."

Blue elderberry resprouts if top-killed by fire and the seeds germinate best when scarified by fire. The new seedlings thrive in the nutrient-rich mineral soil and increased light that follows fire, creating the next generation of this lovely tree.

On the one-year anniversary of the Holiday Farm Fire, many residents are busy rebuilding and repairing their homes and lands. Pure Water Partners can assist landowners with their recovery efforts including native revegetation, invasive removal, erosion control and fire fuels reduction. Visit www.purewaterpartners.org for more information.

deputies responded and confirmed there were no injuries.

12:08 p.m.: Traffic Complaint - 38400 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.

6:28 p.m.: Assist, Follow Up - 51600 blk, Blue River Dr.

6:33 p.m.: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 37500 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

9:00 p.m.: Suspicious Vehicle - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

Sept. 19: 12:45 a.m.: Hit & Run - 87800 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. A silver Kia sedan struck the caller's fence. Oregon State Police was the primary investigating agency.

7:32 a.m.: Tree Down - 90300 blk, Thomson Ln.

11:46 a.m.: Tree Down - Sunderman Rd. & Marcola Rd.

2:26 p.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - 7500 blk, Thurston Rd. Caller reported a verbal dispute with a male that has been living in a camper in the driveway. Deputies made contact and the parties were separated.

2:41 p.m.: Citizen Contact - 45800 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:47 p.m.: Assist, follow Up - 51500 blk, McK. Hwy.

6:02 p.m.: Disturbance, Dispute - 7500 blk, Thurston Rd.

Sept. 20: 5:05 a.m.: Panic Alarm - 88800 blk, Ruby Ln.

10:05 a.m.: Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Shadows Dr.

10:27 a.m.: Suspicious Vehicle - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.

10:52 a.m.: Speeding Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Mp. 11.

12:16 p.m.: Location of Stolen Vehicle - 37200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

2:44 p.m.: Assist, Information - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

3:35 p.m.: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd. Caller reported that their vehicle was broken into at the Shotgun Creek park.

5:21 p.m.: Injured Animal - Hayden Bridge Rd. & Winslow Ave.

5:55 p.m.: Citizen Contact - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

7:18 p.m.: Speeding Vehicle - 87800 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

9:08 p.m.: Theft - 88500 blk, East of Eden Rd.

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

State Police Report

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Searched the area and found the vehicle near Thurston Rd. & 69th St. The vehicle was unoccupied, blocking the lane of travel, heavily damaged with its hazard lights on. Vehicle was towed and a hold placed on it. Involved: silver/aluminum Kia, suspect/vehicle owner, 22-year-old male.

Community Notes

September 24 Fish Fry



The Vida McKenzie Community Center is teaming up with Patsy Wilson for a Free-Will Donation Fish Fry Fundraiser at Patsy's Stage Stop Restaurant's back patio from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 24th. This event is designed to raise funds for the rebuilding of the Community Center, destroyed in the Holiday Farm Fire. Join friends and neighbors

for this family friendly event.

September 25 A Dime At A Time



10:00am - 12:00pm. Leaburg Store, 42840 McKenzie Hwy. Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting - Saturday morning sorting sessions every Saturday. Donations can be dropped off at the Leaburg Store and maybe help us bag up the containers! Funds from plastic, glass, and aluminum containers go toward the rebuilding of the O'Brien Memorial Library in Blue River, McKenzie River Clinic, and the Vida McKenzie Community Center - all destroyed in the Holiday Farm fire.

Oct. 4 - Springfield School Board Meeting



7:00pm - 8:30pm. The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd and 4th

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

October 9 - Leaburg Food Pantry



11am - 5pm. McKenzie Bible Fellowship, 45061 McKen-zie Hwy. The Food Pantry is now on Saturdays. All are welcome! Please send folks!

October 18 McKenzie Fire District Board



12:00pm - 1:00pm. at Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy, in Leaburg. 541-896-3311.

October 20 Upper McK Fire Board



7 - 8:00pm. 5 Upper McKenzie Fire District Board of Directors monthly meeting. At the fire station, 6578 McKenzie Hwy, 541-822-3479

Free firewood on National Forests

The National Forests of Oregon in Region 6 of the USDA Forest Service are transitioning their firewood program to become a free use firewood program to the public. People who receive free use firewood permits may use firewood for cutting, manufacturing, handling, or other processing, but not for resale. Charge permits are available for individuals who wish to resell firewood. The regional minimum rate for firewood charge permits remains unchanged at \$5 per cord.

"We are pleased to be able to offer free personal use firewood across the National Forests in Oregon and Washington," said Regional Forester, Glenn Casa-

massa. "This change will benefit people who rely on firewood as their primary heat source and will allow us to dispose of material that otherwise would have a cost to burn or remove."

The following National Forests will transition to free use firewood beginning October 1, 2021: Willamette, Mt. Baker Snoqualmie, Mt. Hood, Olympic, Rogue-River Siskiyou, Siuslaw, and Umpqua.

Free firewood permits are only valid during the current firewood season for the forest on which they were issued. Permits will not be available for purchase outside of the forest's firewood season. Forest Supervisors will designate free use firewood areas on all or parts of units that are compatible with land management plans and will establish the annual limit on the number of cords of free use an individual may collect. The total amount of free use material granted to an individual in any fiscal year cannot exceed \$200 in value (36 CFR 223.8). Additional free use may be granted by District Rangers or Forest Supervisors in cases of hardship or unusual need. Free use of green material may be declined where supply is limited, or other conditions justify.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Sept. 17: 19:07: 38000 blk, Kickbusch Ln Public Assist. Lift Assistance Provided.

Sept. 18: 9:11: Goodpasture Rd./Cascade View Dr, Illegal Burning. Extinguished.

14:50: 8000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Cancelled by ESF on scene.

18:42: 37000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. MVA, Non-injury. Occupants gone, vehicle flagged.

Sept. 19: 0:45: McK. Hwy./Thurston Rd. MVA, Non-injury. Vehicle fled scene, scene to OSP.

7:13: 7700 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

14:28: 38000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

17:37: 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

Am I Wrong Not To Trust Again?

My husband of almost seven years is an alcoholic. In a one-year time period he threw me and my daughters (his steps) out of the house three times. The final time was eight months ago. Every time we left he would call and go on about how much he missed us and loved us. Unfortunately, at the time he refused to admit he had a problem (a fifth of whiskey and half a case of beer every night).

When he threw us out the last time, I let him know that was it. The girls understood and supported me in my decision. Since then he has gone into rehab and has been sober for seven months. He has been pushing me to come back and making me feel like I'm not being fair to him since he is on the wagon.

AA has taught him he is not responsible for his actions of the past seven years. So I am supposed to forget it ever happened and believe it will never happen again. I love him beyond belief, but over the past seven years I have lost all my respect and trust in him.

The girls miss him very much since he is the only real father they have ever had. Their biological father walked out years ago. They want to go back, but I never want

my kids to be in the position of losing their home again.

Am I wrong not to trust again? The guilt is tearing me up, but I don't want to let me or the girls get hurt again.

Kathy

Kathy, it's not your guilt that's kicking up, but your intuition. Are you wrong not to trust again? Of course not. Your gut is telling you loud and clear not to repeat your previous mistake. Your gut is telling you loud and clear that someone may be able to climb on the wagon, BUT changing their basic personality is far harder. And in seven months, it is virtually impossible.

He is telling you he wasn't responsible for his past actions, he is telling you that you need to forgive him. Bull! He is running a game down on you. I have never heard anyone who successfully overcame a chemical dependency speak like that.

That kind of line comes straight from the mouth of a hard drinker (whether still drinking or not). That kind of line comes straight from the mouth of an abuser who will subject you and your daughters to the same tension and terror as in the past. That kind of line comes from the mouth of a man capable

of repeatedly throwing you and your daughters out in the street in drunken rages.

Kathy, you're playing Russian roulette with your children's lives. They have already gone through being abandoned by their biological father and escaped from a stepfather who throws them out in the street. The only person who is going to benefit from your "guilt," the only one who is going to benefit from this undeserved, unproved, and unwarranted forgiveness, is the one who was abusing you and your girls.

Whatever you feel for him, don't call it love. There is nothing called "love" which does not include respect and trust. Call it dependency, or call it the longing to have someone in your life, but don't call it love. If your daughters miss him, it is only in the way that children choose negative attention rather than no attention at all.

You're the adult in this situation. You must make the decision, not the children. You have made two wrong choices in men. You need to understand yourself and understand what you are doing wrong, so that you can get it right. And he needs to take responsibility for his actions, and go live his life without trying to drink from a well he has irreparably polluted.

Wayne & Tamara

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American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

Dorianne Laux is one of our treasured poets. Her elegant poems grow out of the familiar. "Urn" is beautifully inventive in the way she connects the moment of uneasy childlike delight in the inexplicable "magic" of a light switch ("I didn't know/ where the light went"), with her struggle to face mortality. Laux's new collection of poems, from which this lovely elegy comes, Only as the Day Is Long: New and Selected Poems, appeared in 2020.

URN

By Dorianne Laux

I feel her swaying
under the earth, deep
in a basket of tree roots,
their frayed silk
keeping her calm,
a carpet of grass singing
Nearer my god to thee,
oak branches groaning in wind
coming up from the sea.

We take on trust the dead
are buried and gone,
the light doused for eternity,
the nevermore of their particulars
ground up, dispersed.
As a child I didn't know
where the light went
when she flipped the switch,
though I once touched
the dark bulb that burned
my fingertips, studied the coiled

element trapped inside
seething with afterglow.

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A Moment in Oregon History
By Rick Steber (www.rick-steber.com)

September 23 - Alice Day Pratt came to the High Desert and took up a homestead in 1912. Her first residence was a canvas tent set up under a juniper tree. It was unusual for a single woman to claim a homestead and some of the local cowboys enjoyed riding past and belittling her efforts. But Alice refused to give up. She taught school, raised chickens and developed a small herd of jersey cows. She sold eggs, milk and cream and managed to trade for enough lumber to build herself a proper house. In her spare time she wrote books. In her book, *A Homesteader's Portfolio*, she stated, "It may well be that one looks back upon the times of greatest strain and anxiety, as the high points of one's life."

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 below Leaburg Dam - 2,000.

Fish Counts
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Citizens of Prineville

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time for them to have it out with the Moonshiners and break their gang up for good.

By this time, though, membership in the Moonshiners had swelled to about 75 heavily-armed citizens — probably four times as many as there were Vigilantes. These now all assembled, at Blakely’s request, to make a show of force — the goal being to get the Vigilantes to either stand up or stand down.

The showdown

Down the main street in Prineville they rode to the saloon where the Vigilantes were drinking, and arranged themselves on the street outside.

“The gang members were looking out the windows of Til Glaze’s saloon,” Blakely told The Oregonian. “I was fighting mad, and so were the rest of us. We were ready to fight it out right there. ‘If you think you can stop us, come on out and try it!’ I hollered at the gang.”

Outside the saloon, thumbs toyed with the hammers of Colts and Winchesters and horses paced nervously. Inside, all was silent. Nobody moved.

Finally the Moonshiners dispersed, going back to their shops and ranches and workbenches. They’d made their point.

Humiliated and chastened, the Vigilantes never rode again after that. And a few months later, when Crook County held its first election, Blakely was voted in as sheriff.

(Sources: Lundy, Herbert. “When the Juniper Trees Bore Fruit,” Portland Morning Oregonian, 3-26-1939; Brogan, Phil. East of the Cascades. Portland: Binford, 1977; Thompson, Col. William. Reminiscences of a Pioneer. San Francisco: Alturas Plaindealer, 1912)

to list the gray wolf as such on an emergency basis. Emergency listing is a temporary measure that ensures immediate protection and expires 240 days following the publication date. This 240-day pause will allow the federal government to engage in proper and meaningful consultation with tribes.”

“I’m hopeful that wolves will eventually get the protection they deserve, but the Fish and Wildlife Service should have stopped the wolf-killing now,” said Andrea Zaccardi, a senior attorney at the Center for Biological Diversity.

“Anti-wolf policies in Idaho and Montana could wipe out wolves and erase decades of wolf recovery. We’re glad that federal officials have started a review, but wolves are under the gun now so they need protection right away.”

Idaho’s new laws took effect July 1. Montana’s general wolf-hunting season begins this week. Trapping for wolves in Montana will begin two weeks earlier this year, on Nov. 29, and extend two weeks later to March 15 as a result of the new law.

Idaho’s new law has the potential to eliminate up to 90% of the state’s wolf population. It calls for private contractors to kill wolves, allows hunters and trappers to kill an unlimited number of wolves, and permits trapping year-round on private lands across the state.

Montana’s new laws permit the

use of strangulation snares, night hunting and bait to hunt and trap wolves. Hunters and trappers can kill up to 10 wolves each and can be reimbursed for their expenses killing wolves through a new bounty program.

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