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Walkout ends

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Time fore sweet berries

You probably have ripe strawberries or will soon. Pick them regularly to avoid fruit-rotting diseases.

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Road atop Cougar Dam closed for construction

COUGAR DAM: Travelers visiting the McKenzie River area may need to plan alternate travel routes to the area's trails and campgrounds this summer.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has closed the portion of Road NF-1993 that runs along the crest of Cougar Dam to traffic in both direc-

tions. The closure extends from June 5th to September 28th. It will reopen on September 29th.

Officials say the closure is needed to allow for construction work at the dam.

Because of the change in access, visitors may need to plan alternate routes to access these trailheads: Lower Echo/East Fork,

Upper East Fork, Upper Lowder Mountain, and Pat Saddle.

People should view the McKenzie River Ranger District's web page at tinyurl.com/7dd46e4y for more details on recreation opportunities within the region.



NF-1993 Road Closure at Cougar Dam

USACE

Fire safety boosted

Projects in Blue River and Leaburg moving forward



Samantha Winningham

The walls should start going up within a week. Walls and roofing should be complete by early September. If there are no hiccups, we should start moving fire equipment in by January 1.



Keri Best

Crews began work on a new Emergency Operations Center for McKenzie Fire & Rescue this week in Leaburg

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Engineer donates speed feedback signs for McKenzie Highway

Sites include Vida, Leaburg, and McKenzie Bridge

By David House
ODOT Communications

An engineer for a construction contractor who is also a volunteer for McKenzie Fire and Rescue is donating six speed feedback signs for three 45 mph zones on OR 126 east of Eugene.

Joel Zeni of Suulutaq, a contractor on several ODOT projects, hopes to reduce the chances of speed-related crashes on OR 126 in Leaburg, Vida, and McKenzie Bridge. Each speed zone will have signs for both eastbound and westbound traffic.

"When I was in elementary school, one of my classmate's sister was killed while crossing the street in Leaburg," Zeni said. "It was a terrible tragedy and one that I hoped would never happen again. Until September 2022 when a man coming home from his birthday dinner with his wife and 12-year-old son was rear-ended in McKenzie Bridge by semi truck that was traveling too fast. This wreck resulted in the man's death, and his son was so close most responders thought he would not make it. Fortunately, the child has made an unbelievable recovery.

"I was doing the exact same thing on that day - I was enjoying my son's birthday, and I live within one of the speed reduction zones in Vida. As a volunteer of the McKenzie Fire and Rescue, had I been home, I would have been one of the first responders to that

scene. For all of my colleagues that did respond to that scene, it was one that all of them will never forget.

"That night I emailed the state saying that there is something that I can do to help stop these tragedies with my experience in ODOT work across the state and my recent work up the McKenzie Highway for the Holiday Farm fire clean up."

The feedback signs will display an approaching vehicle's speed and will flash when someone is exceeding the 45 mph limit by at least 10 mph. At over 20 mph over the limit, the signs will flash alternately the vehicle's speed and the message, "Slow down."

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Speed feedback signs show drivers a comparison of the legal limit and how fast they're traveling.

Salvage trees still giving



The Log Donation Program continues to benefit local recovery efforts. Last Wednesday checks were distributed to the Vida McKenzie Community Center, the O'Brien Memorial Library, and Locals Helping Locals.

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Oregon Senate Republican walkout ends with compromises

Democrats agree to water down bills on abortion and firearms, ending the Senate boycott



Ben Botkin/OCC

Senate Minority Leader Tim Knopp, R-Bend, reads paperwork during a Senate floor session on Thursday, June 15, 2023, when enough Republicans returned to end the walkout.

By Ben Botkin and Julia Shumway
Oregon Senate leaders on Thursday reached a deal that brought a handful of Republicans back to the floor, ending the longest walkout in state history and clearing the way for the Legislature to pass a budget and start working through hundreds of backlogged bills.

The deal reached Thursday included watering down Democratic measures intended to guarantee abortion access and prevent gun violence, as well as considering a Republican proposal that would allow the Legislature to impeach statewide elected officials. Democrats also agreed to shelve a sweeping constitutional amendment that would have removed an unenforceable ban on same-sex marriage and prohibited discrimination against LGBTQ people.

Democrats and Republicans also reached a deal to “substantively” fund 988, a hotline for people in mental health crises. And senators on Thursday read new, easier-to-read descriptions of each bill before voting on each measure, another concession to Republicans who initially said they walked out over the Legislature violating an obscure state law that requires bill summaries to be written at an eighth-grade reading level.

Senate President Rob Wagner, D-Lake Oswego, said legislative leaders reached an agreement in time for the Senate to move through backlogged bills by a June 25 deadline while still taking off weekends and the Juneteenth holiday on Monday.

“We have achieved major bipartisan victories already the session on housing and on semiconductors,” he said. “And I fully expect if you look at the legislation that is out there right now, that we are going to continue to make incredible progress on behalf of Oregon families.”

Some details of the deal were still being worked out Thursday as five Republicans joined Democratic colleagues on the Senate floor for the first time since May 3. Among them: whether Democrats would waive the \$325 daily fines absent Republicans began

accruing earlier this month.

Senate Minority Leader Tim Knopp, R-Bend, described Republicans’ presence as a show of good faith, saying he wanted to finish the session “in an extraordinary bipartisan way.”

“For our part, we are here for the quorum today in good faith to work through this calendar so thank you, Mr. President,” Knopp said.

“If the Republicans had not returned this session, we faced the reality that no additional bills would have passed,”

What came next illustrated just how long it has been since the Senate came to work. A Senate employee speed-read the titles of more than 120 bills sent by the House over the past month before the chamber moved onto voting on bills.

Democratic Sen. Kate Lieber of Beaverton and Republican Sen. Tim Knopp of Bend work together in the Senate Rules Committee on Thursday, June 15, 2023. (Ben Botkin/Oregon Capital Chronicle)

Both parties claim victory
Senate Republicans, joined by Sen. Brian Boquist, I-Dallas, have boycotted floor sessions to voice objections for evolving reasons. They first cited the readability law. They also tried to kill different proposals, including House Bill 2002 on abortion access and gender-affirming care. Republican senators have focused on a provision that would allow minors of any age to obtain abortions without parental notification.

The Senate Rules Committee on Thursday approved an amendment to House Bill 2002 that would require health care

providers to tell parents or guardians about abortions for patients younger than 15 unless the provider determines that involving a parent could result in abuse or neglect, or if a second health care provider with a different facility agrees that it wouldn’t be in the child’s best interest to involve a parent.

The amendment also would delete provisions of the bill establishing grants for reproductive and abortion care at college campuses and rural areas.

Knopp told reporters that he thought Democrats gave up more than Republicans in the final deal, but both sides were unsatisfied with the agreement.

“I think the Democrat majority yielded a lot, and that really is what helped make this go,” he said. “And I know that was very painful for them.”

Wagner disagreed.
“There really isn’t anything that’s coming out of there that I’m really that disappointed with, and I think you’re gonna see that Oregonians are the ones who are winning here,” he said.

The Rules Committee also amended House Bill 2005 so it only would ban “ghost guns,” or untraceable homemade firearms. It no longer contains provisions

to raise the age to buy most guns from 18 to 21 or to allow local governments to ban firearms on their property. Democrats said in a statement that the Legislature will establish a workgroup to study policy solutions for gun violence and deposit \$10 million in the Community Violence Prevention Program.

Both bills are expected to receive votes on Thursday afternoon. They’ll go back to the House, which is next scheduled to meet on Tuesday, to accept amendments.

Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber, D-Beaverton, said the path forward required bipartisanship.

“We as Democrats, we showed up, we made some compromises, and this is the path we’ve chosen,” Lieber told reporters.

Senate Democrats claimed victory for keeping intact a key aim of House Bill 2002, which preserves abortion rights after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade.

“If the Republicans had not returned this session, we faced the reality that no additional bills would have passed,” Sen. Kathleen Taylor, D-Southeast Port-



land, said in a statement to the Capital Chronicle. “They could have stayed away, blocking every single progressive priority: no reproductive health care rights, no gun control and no rights for the transgender community.”

The Capitol building was abuzz earlier in the day, as Wagner scurried between his office and the majority office and twice delayed the start of the floor session. Walking past reporters on his way to announce the first delay, Wagner gave a grin and two thumbs up.

By 10:30 a.m., Knopp and Republican Sens. Dick Anderson, Bill Hansell, David Brock Smith, Daniel Bonham and Lynne Findley were cloistered in their caucus room on the third floor, with lobbyists gathered outside. Anderson and Brock Smith have attended every day and only one more Republican was needed to reach a quorum. Knopp, Hansell and Findley joined them.

Questions remain
The Oregon Firearms Federation, a pro-gun organization, sent an alert earlier Thursday decrying Knopp for reaching a deal with Democrats on HB 2005.

“Once again, Republican ‘leadership’ has snatched defeat from the jaws of victory,” the group wrote. “Another disgrace for the people who got hired to protect our rights.”

And most Republicans still stayed away from the Capitol on Thursday. Knopp said some had travel issues and will make their way back to the building in the coming days.

“But also some of them have some very deeply held beliefs

and concerns still and are trying to work through those,” he said. “Our motto in the Republican caucus is ‘Vote your district; vote your conscience.’”

After the walkout persisted for a month, Senate Democrats started to impose \$325-a-day fines for each senator without an excused absence. That did not deter senators from skipping floor sessions, though.

Neither did a constitutional amendment voters passed in November, that prevents legislators from serving a new term of office after they rack up at least 10 unexcused absences.

Boquist and nine Republican senators reached 10 absences, though it’s uncertain whether senators will face either consequence. Senators have indicated court challenges to the new absence law are likely.

Most legislative Democrats now support a proposal to change quorum rules to prevent future walkouts, though Wagner said that bill will not proceed this session.

But Knopp left open the possibility that Republicans will walk out again in future sessions, as they have nearly every year since 2019.







“There have been, let’s just say high-ranking officials who have requested that we not walk out in the future, and we have not made that commitment,” Knopp said. “We want to make sure that the voices of our constituents are heard and respected and our values are respected in this process. And if that occurs, then there are not likely to be walkouts in the future.”

Letters to the Editor

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McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 5% chance precip High: 78 Low: 48	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 25% chance precip High: 64 Low: 38	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 5% chance precip High: 80 Low: 53	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 68 Low: 45	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 15% chance precip High: 80 Low: 53	Santiam Pass PM Thunderstorms 40% chance precip High: 68 Low: 44

WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
6/13	78	57	0	NA	6/13	87	55	0	2,980 cfs
6/14	67	51	0	NA	6/14	80	40	0	2,920 cfs
6/15	75	43	0	NA	6/15	72	42	0	2,880 cfs
6/16	84	49	0	NA	6/16	72	46	0	2,780 cfs
6/17	69	56	0	NA	6/17	86	52	0	2,750 cfs
6/19	54	46	2.18	377 cfs	6/18	72	50	0.01	2,750 cfs
6/20	46	45	2.56	377 cfs	6/19	61	45	0.10	2,820 cfs

Sheriff's Report

June 11: 11:22 a.m: Fraud - 94400 block, Marcola Rd. A caller advised that an unknown person opened a fraudulent telephone account in the caller's name.

08:36 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Heated dispute between spouses. no injuries or crimes reported.

10:24 p.m: Vicious Dog - 92500 blk, Paschelke Rd. A caller advised that a neighbor's dog was being aggressive and scratching to get into the caller's house. The caller further advised that the neighbor's dog was chasing the caller's livestock.

11:17 p.m: dispute - 39900 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller advised that her ex threw a rock at the caller's RV.

June 12: 9:42 p.m: Criminal Mischief - 89200 blk, Marcola

Rd. An unknown suspect broke the lock off of the caller's mailbox.

10:14 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Carson St. Verbal dispute over property. Determined to be civil in nature.

June 13: 12:00 p.m: Speeding Vehicle - Marcola Rd.

1:42 p.m: Citizen Contact - 41900 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

4:20 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. & Old Marcola Rd.

4:44 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Blue River Dam.

4:55 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 51200 blk, McK. Hwy.

June 14: 12:45 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported being in a dispute with a known male. Parties eventually separated and no crime was articulated.

9:40 a.m: Explosion - 36300 blk, Sherra Ln. An area resident reported that someone was believed to be using Tannerite during fire season.

June 15: 4:29: p.m: Vehicle

Stop - Marcola Milepost 3.

17:48 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 2200 blk, Carson St.

June 16: 1:29p.m: Repossessed Vehicle - 88100 blk, Chita Lp.

7:00 p.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - Sunderman Rd. & Marcola Rd.

1:37 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Cascade View staging area.

June 17: 1:15 a.m: welfare check - 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

1:37 a.m: Loud Noise - 37300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

11:32 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38100 blk, McK. Hwy. Verbal dispute between neighbors. Parties separated.

1:18 p.m: Speeding Vehicle - McK. River Dr. & McK. Hwy.

3:16 p.m: Civil Service - 49700 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:40 p.m: Suspicious Subject - 52000 blk, McK. Hwy. Caller believed they were hearing people playing guitar and laughing on the property. No evidence of trespassers.

5:35 p.m: Open Gate - Mc-

Gowan Creek.

7:43 p.m: Civil Service - 88800 blk, Ross Ln.

June 18: 9:04a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - Mona Campground. Physical dispute with minor injuries to one of the involved. Victim declined prosecution.

10:58 a.m: Vehicle Stop - Horse Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy.

1:16 p.m: Found Animal - Horse Creek Rd. & McK. Hwy.

4:43 p.m: Lost Property - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

5:40 p.m: Subpoena Service - Crooked Creek staging site.

8:18 p.m: Assist Oregon State Police - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy.

10:53 p.m: Assault - 89000 blk, Bridge St. Dispute between family members. not physical, no injuries reported.

June 19: 11:40 a.m: Civil Service - 88800 blk, Ross Ln..

2:03 a.m: Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.

2:44 p.m: Burglary - 91500 blk, Donna Rd. A caller found their drawers were open and several small items were missing.

Subject Down. Patient Contact Made, No Needs.

12:16: McK. Hwy./Leaburg Dr. Bicycle Accident. Unable To Locate.

14:19: 8100 blk, S. C St. Medical, Heart. Cancelled.

16:47: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, Heart. Cancelled.

18:24: 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

June 14: 12:54: 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. No Incident Found On Arrival.

June 15: 10:49: 39000 blk, McK. Hwy.. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

12:15: McK. Hwy./Angles Flight Rd. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

13:11: 38000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

16:21: McK. Hwy./Mp. 37. MVA. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

20:05: 88000 blk, Bridge St. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

June 16: 10:53: 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

9:56: 37000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

16:43: 45000 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd. Medical Alarm. Patient Contact Made, No Needs.

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

June 12: 18:50: 38000 block, E Cedar Flat Rd. Medical Alarm. Cancelled By Dispatch, False Alarm.

21:50: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Assist Police. Police Issue, No Medical Needed.

June 13: 1:50: 36000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Cardiac Arrest. Patient Assessed, Confirmed Deceased.

2:31: 88000 blk, Twin Firs Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

11:36: McK. Hwy./Milepost 21.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

17: 19:14: Medical - 55000 block, McK. River Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

June 18: 08:40: Medical - 91000 blk, Blue River Reservoir Rd. Male at location needs medical help.

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

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First woman cop was Portland's "municipal mother"

Continued from last week

By Finn J.D. John

So right away, Baldwin was hearing the stories. Most likely there were some terrible ones; they obviously touched her heart. Over the next several decades she would dedicate her life to doing something about them.

Time went by. The Baldwins left Lincoln. Eventually, in 1904, they moved to Portland; LeGrand had taken a job for a chain of dime stores, and was tasked with opening one in Oregon. So Lola went forth and plugged into the Portland aid-society scene.

She found an eager, active community waiting for her. The Florence Crittendon Rescue Home and Portland YWCA Traveler's Aid Society were delighted by her energy and compassion and soon she was a vital part of their operations.

And they needed the help. The Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, the first World's Fair on the West Coast, was coming up in just a year, and the ladies were very worried. At earlier Exposition fairs back east, they had observed a disturbing pattern: Thousands of innocent country girls had come to see the electric lights and play at the carnival, and recruiters for the always-hungry sex industries had noticed ... and moved in.

Worse, there were rumors of a vast and shadowy conspiracy, an underground "white slave trade" organized and staffed by sinister, swarthy foreigners, that was allegedly kidnapping girls and spiriting them away to a life of miserable sex service in foreign seraglios and harems. These rumors turned out to be bunk, but they played perfectly with the mainstream society's xenophobia and endemic racism. To a 40-year-old club woman in 1905, it made perfect sense that members of "inferior races" like Greeks, Slavs, Arabs, Italians, etc., would look at "racially superior nordic women" as sexual trophies.

So when Lola Baldwin came to Portland, the Traveler's Aid Society quickly identified her as just the woman to run their operations at the fair, to frustrate these sinister flesh-traders and protect Oregon girls.

Lola Baldwin was ready, willing, and more than able to take this on.

By all accounts she did a phenomenal job of this. Hundreds of volunteers from aid societies, social clubs, and churches patrolled the streets and haunted the Union Station, spotting solitary girls and "adopting" them as unsolicited chaperones, offering them safe lodging and guiding them on their trips. Along the way, they frustrated numerous attempts to recruit them into dodgy or immoral situations.

They also caught up with a few girls after it was too late, and



Oregon Historical Society

Lola Greene Baldwin in her office at the Portland YWCA, sometime in the 1890s

guided them through the process of prosecuting their seducers or forcing them to the altar. (Often the forced marriage was followed almost immediately by a divorce accompanied by a court order for child support.)

But they noticed something interesting along the way: Few of the recruiters they came across were visitors. Nearly all of them were local operators looking for fresh, buxom damsels to feed into the front end of the saloon-centered flesh machines.

By the end of the fair, Lola Baldwin was convinced that the real problem was not smooth, sinister foreign agents. It was a homegrown problem. Which meant that it was not going to go away when the fair ended. It would just go back underground. Local recruiters and pimps would go back to catching a girl here and a woman there, on the street or at a lunch counter, and luring them into a life of exploitation from which it would be very difficult to escape.

If anything, the end of the fair made things worse. Job opportunities for single girls and women became scarce, which raised the spectre of girls being forced to accept a dangerous gig in a sleazy saloon to ward off starvation or eviction. At the same time, many of the donors whose support had made the job possible now stopped, thinking the job was done. The Traveler's Aid Society struggled to meet the challenge.

Finally, in 1908, Lola Baldwin

got in front of the City Council to make a proposal.

"I beg to submit to you a few facts," she told them, "in regard to the work of the Travelers' Aid for the protection of girlhood in Portland."

Then she laid out a very lucid overview of what she and her team had been up to for the previous two and a half years, including some statistics: 230 "special girls" assisted in 1906, 322 in the first 11 months of 1907, and no end in sight.

This, she submitted, was evidence that the Portland Police Department needed a program to safeguard Portland's at-risk girls. She asked for a budget of \$3,000 for the job.

Finally, she closed her speech with one of the more brilliant rhetorical gambits of Oregon history:

"We notice," she said, "that there was \$5,030 used this year for the dog pound, and an additional thousand is asked for 1908."

Would the Council consider, she asked, allocating half that amount "for practical, positive protection for the growing girlhood of the city of Portland"?

Well, when one put it that way, how could they have said no?

Lola Baldwin started her new job as a police detective in April 1908. It was the beginning of a 15-year career with the Portland Police Department.

At the beginning, her primary goal was to prevent girls from falling into the clutches of vice

operators, rather than punishing them after they did; so she maintained her Travelers' Aid office at the YWCA and dressed in plain business clothes, keeping her star in her purse where it could be deployed only when needed. At-risk girls who needed her help would, she knew, be very reluctant to visit the police station.

And she was very successful in this. In large part that was because of her relentless focus on the girls. She made connections with saloon owners and even bordello madams, who would actually contact her to come and rescue underage girls. She was feared by some, loved by many, and respected by all ... at least, at first.

In fact, if Lola Baldwin had been run over by a streetcar in 1909, a year after taking on her job, she would be remembered today as an untarnished hero, a Mother Teresa figure ... a Rescuer like Bianca, from the Disney movie.

But this focus shifted fairly quickly and led Detective Baldwin to a darker, less noble place. Although she never lost her focus on providing support for girls at risk of making bad choices, she became increasingly harsh toward those who had already "fallen."

Mostly this was because of one of the more toxic trends in Progressive Era thought: the moral authoritarianism of the Social Hygiene Movement.

The Social Hygiene Movement, a.k.a. the Sex Hygiene Movement, was a movement led largely by doctors, and it was a reaction to new medical evidence of the damage caused by various forms of vice - especially prostitution.

At some point just before the turn of the century, doctors confirmed that prostitutes were a disease vector. Young, horny men would patronize them in their 20s, acquire a venereal disease, and pass it on to their innocent future wives. This, obviously, was a serious public health issue. The solution, according to social hygienists, was to stamp out prostitution entirely, for the protection of the innocent. There could be no more consideration, or not much more, for the plight of the poor "fallen woman," the unfortunate creature to be pitied rather than judged, as earlier Progressives like Baldwin had felt.

It took a while for this shift in perception, from "prostitute as tragic figure" to "prostitute as filthy disease vector," to percolate into Lola Baldwin's practice as Portland's first policewoman. But by the early 1910s, it pretty much had. She still was all about saving the innocent girls from a "life of shame," but when it came to the girls who were already living the dream, as it were, her focus shifted from saving them to saving society from them.

So Detective Baldwin vigorously moved against anything that seemed like it might lead to prostitution: Massage parlors, variety theaters, shooting galleries, and even dance halls. In 1911 and 1912 alone, her team

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By Slim Randles

"Wonder what the count is today," said Herb. "Sure is hot."

We sipped simultaneously, as is our wont, and stared at our friend. "What count would that be?" asked Steve.

"The btu count, of course," said Herb. "Those are British thermal units, you know. It's how heat is measured."

Leave it to Herb. There doesn't appear to be any coffee-drinking topic that Herb can't make completely obscure.

"I was just getting used to the difference between Fahrenheit and Celsius," our cowboy, Steve, said.

"I always eat my Celsius with peanut butter on it," said Doc.

"Doc made a joke!" came the coffee-counter chorus. That was unusual because Doc was considered by most of us as the chief justice of the supreme court of darn near everything because of all the initials after his name.

Windy Wilson got up slowly and stiffly, walked over to the phone sitting on the cashier's counter, and dialed a number. He nodded and came back to the other members of the world dilemma think tank.

"97," he said, taking a sip,

"97 what?"

"Degrees. Right now. Outside. According to that girl's voice on the hotline number I called."

"Fahrenheit?"

"Don't know," Windy said.

"Kelvin?"

"Kelvin who?"

"Rankine?"

"She didn't say. Just a recordin' on the phone, you know..."

"Number of British thermal units?"

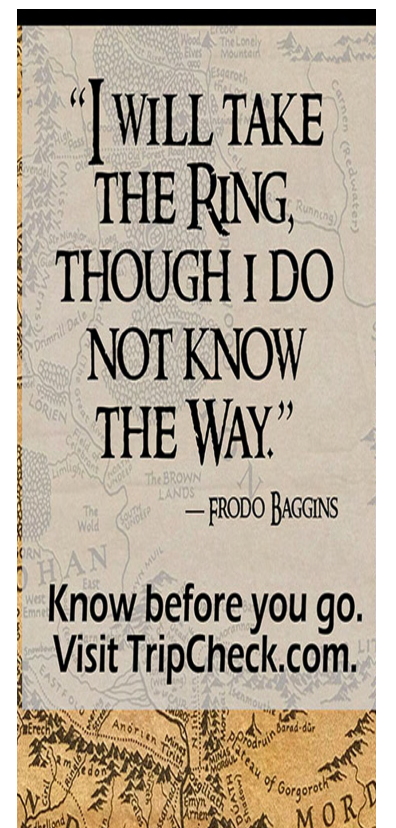
"I don't care how they do it in Britain," Windy said. "Hotter right here, anyway."

"Might be Celsius," said Herb.

Doc looked up from the depths of his coffee, "Not without peanut butter it isn't."

Some onlookers just enjoy a short stack and try to figure out what we're talking about. It could become a passion or trend or something.

Looking at the thermometer? When ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise.



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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



JOY OF A WOODLAND ABODE

Woodland living offers many joyful opportunities. For the past 43 years at the house that Jim (my late husband) built, and now at my daughter's, I've been surrounded by woodland nature. Also we've been fairly close to neighbors at these locations.

The many birds and animals entertain us, as they did when I was growing up on a farm.

Yesterday, a mother wild turkey paraded by my bedroom window. Scurrying behind her were six little turkey chicks. This morning, they were again searching for food...beside our driveway.

Two days ago, a brightly colored indigo bunting scratched for food among the leaves on the ground outside the living room window. My daughter and I watched him for at least 10 minutes.

About a month ago a barred owl sat in a pine tree not far from house. He remained so very still and watched the ground and nearby trees diligently for a meal. Many other birds and small animals make their homes here, too.

Call your children's attention to the birds and animals around them. Expand their horizons and interests beyond the Internet and Social Media.

Bird Watching on the Farm
Watching birds in all seasons

was a pleasure my mom introduced to my sister, brothers and me as children on the farm. She called our attention to the birds as they built nests, raised their young, gathered around the feeders and sang cheery songs.

I still have the picture of a bob-o-link she drew for an art class when she attended teacher's college in 1932. Mother owned several bird books, which she kept handy to identify new species and seek information about the various birds. From her I learned to appreciate and enjoy the birds living around our farm home and discover those in other parts of the country wherever Jim and I have lived and traveled.

I recall Mother's joy in purchasing a bird book with illustrations by John James Audubon. She admitted she might have paid more than she should but it was a thing of beauty in her life. I remember her pleasure as she turned the pages and called our attention to the birds.

PIZZA SALAD might make a delicious change of menu. In a large bowl combine: 1 pound cooked and drained spiral macaroni (or any type you prefer), 3 medium seeded and drained tomatoes, 1 pound cubed Cheddar cheese (less if you want), 2 bunches sliced green onions (or 1 small diced onion), 3 ounces sliced pepperoni, ¼ cup diced green pepper (if you

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

OSU Extension Service

What to do in the garden in June



By Curt Kipp

June is a great month for gardening. It has great weather, long days, pleasant evenings and, typically, mild weather. (We know, try telling that to the 2021 Heat Dome, which was severe, but was also an outlier.)

So, what exactly can you do in the garden this month? Well, it might be easier to list the things you can't do!

The Oregon State University Extension Service June garden calendar, is full of ideas and advice. You can be as busy as you want to be. Here are a few of the tips:

* Your lilacs, forsythia, rhododendrons and azaleas are

done blooming, so prune them.

* Fertilize your vegetable garden. You can do this one month after the plants emerge. Simply apply a side dressing alongside rows.

* You probably have ripe strawberries or will soon. Pick them regularly to avoid fruit-rotting diseases.

* Thinning. You can thin planted beds of lettuce, onion and chard. You can also thin remaining tree

fruits in June after some of them normally drop. This helps produce a crop of larger fruit among those remaining.

* It's a great time to plant dahlia, begonia and gladiolus bulbs. If you don't have any, they're available at your local nursery or garden center. Find one here.

* If you have houseplants, you can move them outdoors for cleaning, grooming, repotting and summer growth.

* Read the whole article for the complete list of tips. Questions? Be sure to use your Master Gardener hotline as a resource.

June is a great month to plant vegetable seeds and starts. Seeds you can plant include arugula, Asian greens, basil, beans, beets, broccoli, brussels sprouts — and those are just the A's and B's! There are many options for what you can plant right now. Portland Nursery's helpful Veggie Calendar (PDF) tells you what you can do right now. You can pick up the seeds and starts you need from many of our local garden centers.

Quote of the Week

"If we worked on the assumption that what is accepted as true really is true, then there would be little hope for advance."

Orville and Wilbur Wright

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- 70. "Silas Marner" author
- 71. Mexican money
- 72. Not yang
- 73. Down and out

DOWN

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- 25. *Old ____
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- 27. Hymn of praise
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- 32. Certain church member
- 33. Yiddish busybody
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- 45. "Where ____ is heard a discouraging word..."
- 49. Sushi restaurant staple
- 51. Shiny cotton
- 54. High-strung
- 56. Car rack manufacturer
- 57. Charlie Chaplin's prop
- 58. "Oh, my!"
- 59. Agrippina's slayer
- 60. "I'll second that"
- 61. Great Lake
- 62. State of mind
- 63. One in a litter
- 65. *King George ____
- 67. Farm structure

Stay in touch with what's happening - open the McKenzie Community Calendar!

tinyurl.com/yeye92hx

Events from Jun 22nd

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EMERALD ART CENTER
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Fri Jun 9th 4:00pm - Thu 29th 7:30pm
2nd Friday Art Walk
Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield



Thu Jun 15th 1:00pm - Sat Dec 16th 1:00pm
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 Jun 21st 7:00pm - Mon Jul 10th 8:00pm
Upper McKenzie Fire District Board
Upper McKenzie Fire District Board of Directors monthly meeting. At the fire station, 541-822-3479




Fri Jun 23rd - Sun 25th
Camp Creek Area Garage Sales
Travel around the Camp Creek neighborhood and you'll find plenty of bargains.




Fri Jun 23rd 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



Sat Jun 24th 8:00am - 4:00pm
Living River Exploration Day
Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-




Sat Jun 24th 10:00am - 12:00pm
Blue River Redesign
Lane County will host a community meeting from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 24, to get feedback on three possible concepts for



Sat Jun 24th 10:00am - 2:00pm
Children's Celebration and PetFest
Children's Celebration featuring PetFest provides fun for all family members whether they have two legs, four legs, fins, or scales.



Sat Jun 24th 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



Mon Jun 26th 9:00am - Fri 30th 12:00am
Make Waves V.B.S
Daily will begin with an opening session, bible story, and break-out sessions with Games, Crafts, Snacks for Kids and so much more. This



Mon Jun 26th 7:00pm
Springfield School Board Meeting
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- 16. Hailing from the East
- 17. Supply with weapons
- 18. "____ death do us part"
- 19. *Frank
- 21. *Popular celebratory get-together
- 23. Many, many years
- 24. Scott Hamilton's "court"

- 25. Gross National Product
- 28. Abundant
- 30. Bantoid language
- 35. Bakery unit
- 37. Cutlass maker
- 39. Two in eighteen
- 40. Milk's favorite cookie
- 41. Muslim ruler honorific
- 43. Hyperbolic sine
- 44. Iranian money, pl.
- 46. Nancy Sinatra's boots
- 47. Fill to satisfaction
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- 50. Argo's propellers
- 52. Feather glue

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22:16: 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

June 18: 10:32: 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Cardiac Arrest. CPR Performed, Deceased.

14:52: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. House Fire. En Route.



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

June 22 - The first meeting of the Association of Oregon Pioneers was held in 1873. After lengthy discussion, it was decreed membership would be limited to any individual who had come to Oregon before statehood in 1859. The annual meetings became well-attended affairs. For many Oregon pioneers these meetings were considered the social event of the year and featured speakers telling stories of coming to Oregon by sea, or by wagon over the Oregon Trail, and the hardships they had faced in "the early days." But each year fewer pioneers were alive to attend the meetings and finally, with only a handful of members remaining, the 79th annual reunion, held in Portland on June 21, 1951 was the last meeting ever held.

15:32: 90000 blk, Thompson Ln. Odor Investigation. Investigate, No Gas Detected.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, June 19th 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.

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 - 5,632, and Clear Lake - 3,000.

Fish Counts
June 16, Willamette Falls
Spring Chinook - 16,866
Summer Steelhead - 633

Rural electric co-ops get \$11 billion boost

By Eric Tegethoff
Oregon News Service

The Biden administration is dispersing \$11 billion in loans and grants for rural electric cooperatives to go green. The programs are designed to ensure rural co-ops have the resources to deploy clean energy technology.

Ted Case, Executive Director of the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association, said co-ops in the state run largely on clean energy thanks to hydropower, but noted the state's grid needs more transmission lines.

"We're going to need additional ways to streamline the process and transmission is very expensive," Case said. "So these types of resources, these types of federal funds - whether it's grants or loans - they're going to be really important going to forward to just try to meet the energy needs of this country."

The funds are from the Inflation Reduction Act Congress passed last year and will be administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Case added density can be an



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The Biden Administration's investment in clean energy for rural America is the largest since the New Deal.

issue for bringing energy to rural areas, and cooperatives were created to ensure power came to the places too expensive for privately owned companies to hook up. While Oregon's electric co-ops are largely green, there are many parts of the country where that isn't the case, Case said.

"It's a pretty exciting opportunity to get this level of funding and certainly electric co-ops worked with the Biden administration to

sort of shape this program through USDA," Case explained. "So, I think there could be lots of opportunities going forward for electric co-ops."

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association was part of the discussions on shaping this program. The federal government will accept letters of interest between July 31st and August 31st.

Speed feedback signs

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Suulutaq is supplying the signs and other materials, and Zeni is doing the installation work. He began pouring concrete bases in late May and hopes to have the signs operating in June.

"I was willing to donate personally these speed signs to do something to try to prevent these accidents in our community," Zeni said.

Lane County agreed to be the official sponsor for these signs - similarly to how the cities of Oakridge, Cottage Grove, and Junction City acted as sponsors for donated speed feedback signs in the past 3-4 years.

"To accomplish this request by permit for these unincorporated locations that are under Lane County law enforcement jurisdic-

tion, Lane County agreed to sponsor and support the requested vehicle speed feedback signs as the permit applicant," ODOT District 5 Manager Jim Gamble said. "District 5 has issued these permits to the cities of Oakridge, Cottage Grove, and Junction City, which received signs through grant opportunities."

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Jail levy on track

The results of an official audit of the Lane County Jail Levy funds during last fiscal year was presented to the Lane County Sheriff and the Board of County Commissioners, during their public meeting on Tuesday. As part of the original levy promise, an annual audit by an independent firm was conducted to ensure that the levy funds are being utilized as promised. Moss Adams LLP has asserted that:

- The levy funds are held in a separate fund; not comingled with

any other county funds

- The County has continued to appropriate General Funds to fund jail services

- The Sheriff's Office operated a minimum of 255 local adult jail beds during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022

The public safety levy, which was renewed last May by 79% of voters, continues the requirement of an annual audit by a third party, so voters will continue to receive this validation for the lifetime of the renewed levy.

Lane County Sheriff Cliff Harrold said, "We are very thankful that the community continues to trust us in providing this vital public safety service. This levy allows us to hold violent offenders accountable, as well as continue to maintain the increased mental health services provided to those in our custody. We will continue to spend these tax dollars as promised and strive to make Lane County a safer place for everyone who lives or visits here."

Commissioners adopt county budget that preserves services

The Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY 23-24) budget today. The County balanced a \$7.26 million deficit in its General Fund without layoffs or cuts in services.

"Once again, we are pleased to present a budget to our community that preserves community services, expands services in critical areas, and makes strategic adjustments to slow the growth of expenses over the long term," said County Administrator Steve Mokrohisky. "Just like families who create a household budget, we have to make smart decisions about how we spend limited taxpayer resources."

Key investments in the County's FY 23-24 budget include:

- 2 additional FTE in the District Attorney's Death Investigations program
- Increasing the part-time Pro-

gram Specialist position in Emergency Management to full-time

- Investment in the creation of a Behavioral Health Stabilization Center

- Funding provided by two levies recently approved by voters: the new five-year Lane County Parks levy and the renewal of the five-year Public Safety Levy

Lane County's budget is comprised of 33 separate funds. The vast majority of these funds are healthy and structurally balanced. Lane County's most distressed fund continues to be the General Fund because it relies on limited revenue from Lane County's \$1.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value property tax rate, one of the lowest rates in Oregon.

"Our budget is not simply a collection of 33 separate funds," said Mokrohisky. "It's an interconnected web that must work together to support the needs of our residents."

Our goal over the next two years is to close the structural gap between revenues and expenses in our distressed funds – including the General Fund – through a combination of expense reductions, alternate funding sources, and the modest use of reserves to minimize the effects on our services to residents."

Adoption of the budget followed approval by the Lane County Budget Committee, which is made up of the five elected county commissioners and five appointed residents. The Budget Committee reviews the proposed budget, conducts public meetings and hearings, and discusses possible changes leading up to approval of the budget.

More information about Lane County's budget process is available at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/ Budget.

Municipal mother

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A cartoon illustration making the case for the sex hygiene movement, from the frontispiece of an old social-hygiene manual.

raided 216 establishments on vice charges and arrested 1,900 people. She followed up on them afterward, advocating for stiffer sentences to break the "catch, fine and release" cycle that the city had used for decades to rake off a cut of sex workers' profits without slowing them down.

This shift in focus from saving girls to saving society was at its apex during the First World War, when Baldwin received federal police authority and a mandate to enact a sort of moral martial law everywhere on the West Coast within five miles of a military base, to keep soldiers safe from venereal disease.

After the war, popular opinion rapidly shifted away from Baldwin's style of progressive authoritarianism, and she started having to defend her job. By now, of course, she was in her 60s. The ragtime era had come and gone, ripening into the jazz age – musical styles that she disdainfully associated with Black culture and "degeneracy." Flashy clothing styles that she had once associated with prostitutes were now standard fashions for a rising generation of flappers. Things just seemed to be getting worse and worse.

So, increasingly discouraged and out of touch with the times, Lola Baldwin retired from police work.

Afterward, she remained active in various charities dedicated to keeping girls safe, but her days of supervising the kicking-in of bordello doors were over. She finally died at the age of 97 in 1957.

The story of Lola Baldwin is somewhat hard to get straight these days. Modern society is far more libertarian than hers was, with far less consensus on what

constitutes bad or degenerate culture. It's super easy to look back on the Lola Baldwin who behaved like a reactionary, authoritarian busybody, shutting down dance halls on the off-chance that patrons might have sex with one another and throwing suspected prostitutes into psycho-medical custody for months to keep them away from soldiers, and forget what an extraordinary and daring thing it was for a woman to do what she did 14 years earlier. It's easy to recoil from the overt racism and snobbery of the aid-society movement, and overlook its role in battling against human trafficking.

That's why I like Disney's "The Rescuers" so much. It captures the spirit of an earlier aid-society movement, before it had been corrupted by the drive to perform social surgery, back when it was all about saving the girls and empowering young women to choose their own destiny. Back when women like Lola Greene Baldwin were untarnished heroes.

Like so many other Progressive Era figures, Lola Baldwin was a trailblazer. She was venturing into spaces that are very well known to us, but which she was seeing for the very first time. It's probably not too surprising that she made some bad calls, and hurt some people along the way.

But one thing nobody can dispute: Throughout her life in Portland, Lola Greene Baldwin did her level best to leave the world a better place than she found it. We should all aspire to such an epitaph.

(Sources: *A Municipal Mother: Portland's Lola Greene Baldwin, America's First Policewoman*, a book by Gloria E. Myers published in 1995 by OSU Press; *Storied & Scandalous Portland, Oregon*, a book by Joe Streckert published in 2020 by Globe Pequot; "Lola G. Baldwin," an episode of *Oregon Experience* produced in 2008 by Nadine Jelsing of Oregon Public Broadcasting)

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EWEB's energy options

Low-carbon, on-demand electricity in new study

EUGENE: Quickly rising electricity demand could require EWEB to acquire zero-carbon firm resources such as biomass or nuclear plants.

Eugene, Ore., – The Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) may need more than just hydropower, wind and solar farms, and utility-scale batteries to meet Eugene's electricity needs in the years ahead, if demand for electricity rises quickly, according to a new analysis.

To meet future needs, EWEB might need to procure alternative sources of low-carbon electricity that can generate energy on demand, such as biomass plants that burn woody material and advanced small modular nuclear reactors (SMR).

"There are days when the weather is frigid and demand for electricity is high as people crank up their heaters to warm their homes, but the wind isn't blowing, clouds are blocking the sun and stream flows are low," said Brian Booth, EWEB's chief energy resource officer. "On those days, wind, solar and hydropower won't be enough to meet our needs. We're going to need to turn to another type of resource so we can continue to reliably deliver electricity to our customers."

The new analysis is part of EWEB's ongoing Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process. The IRP process uses advanced computer modeling software to forecast Eugene's electricity needs 20 years into the future and identify potential portfolios of electricity sources – such as hydropower, wind, solar, batteries, biomass and small modular nuclear reactors – that could best meet those needs. The new analysis builds on an initial set of results EWEB published in December 2022.

The IRP analysis will help EWEB weigh the tradeoffs between various energy resources in the years ahead as the utility grapples with choices about procuring additional energy resources. EWEB will publish a completed report in July and

will publish a new IRP analysis every two years.

Hydropower, which is abundant in the Northwest, forms the foundation of every portfolio suggested so far. Stacked on top of that are new wind farms, utility-scale batteries and customer programs aimed at reducing energy demand. In the latest analysis, which examined what happens when energy demand rises quickly, additional on-demand sources of renewable energy become necessary.

Every portfolio must be 95% carbon-free by 2030 to abide by EWEB's Climate Change Policy.

The analysis reveals that maintaining a reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible electricity supply will require a diverse mix of resources from different categories that balance each other out.

"Hydropower is the foundation. We can add in intermittent renewables such as wind and solar that provide cheap carbon-free energy, but only when the wind is blowing, and the sun is shining. We can then supplement that with batteries and similar technologies to store that energy for short time periods to dispatch it when it's needed," Booth said. "But the last category is the hardest. We need low-carbon energy sources like biomass, nuclear and emerging technologies that have plenty of fuel on hand and that we can control so that we can maintain electric reliability."

"To achieve full decarbonization, we're going to need resources from each of those categories," Booth added. "In particular, the IRP is showing we have a need for energy storage and generating resources that we can depend on to get us through the coldest, darkest days of the winter."

New analysis builds on initial IRP analysis.

EWEB published the first set of IRP results – called a "reference case" – in December. Those results suggested that one promising option for meeting Eugene's future energy needs for the next two

decades is to continue to rely on hydropower from large dams on the Columbia River supplied by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), while supplementing with new utility-scale batteries and new wind farms.

The results in the reference case were influenced by certain assumptions EWEB made about the future. The reference case assumed that Eugene would experience only a moderate level of electrification. It assumed regulations would permit EWEB to buy only enough resources to meet typical electricity demand. And it assumed that transmitting energy from wind and solar farms hundreds of miles away on the east side of the Cascade Mountains would increase at only a moderate pace.

To do the new analysis, EWEB's team altered those key assumptions. This prompted the modeling software to suggest alternative optimal mixes of energy resources.

All suggested portfolios of energy resources still had to meet key requirements that EWEB designed into the analysis process to reflect the utility's core values of reliability, affordability and environmental responsibility. Each portfolio had to provide enough energy to meet EWEB's peak needs, which tend to occur on the coldest days of winter. Each portfolio had to do so at the lowest cost possible. And each portfolio had to be 95% carbon-free by 2030, in alignment with EWEB's Climate Change Policy.

The new analysis suggested portfolios that continue to emphasize hydropower, wind farms and batteries. But the new alternative portfolios added in additional dispatchable energy resources that can generate electricity on-demand – most notably biomass and small modular nuclear reactors (SMR).

New results suggest need for low-carbon, on-demand energy resources.

The new analysis tweaked

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Blue River Fire Station

The \$250,000 grant the Lane County Board of Commissioners approved at their May 23rd meeting is part of the funds helping make a new firehouse for the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District a reality. After more than three years of effort, concrete for the foundation was poured last week.

The lot, at 51742 Dexter Street lot was purchased for the new station in September of 2021. In January a construction contract was awarded to the low bidder, Bridgeway Construction of Lowell, for \$1,886,826. Plans call for

the new fire station to be up and ready by November.

The new station will cover 2,669 square feet - with two full-size engine bays, a training room, a locker room, bathrooms, and some storage space.

While the contractors are busy, Mike Godfrey, president of the UMRFPD board, said the fire chief and volunteers will be busy procuring a new fire engine to replace the one burned in the fire, along with the hundreds of pieces of equipment needed for a fire station and to equip the truck.

Leaburg Logistics Center

Thanks to state and private funding, McKenzie Fire & Rescue has broken ground for the construction of the Disaster Relief Logistics Center (DRLC). The project, designed and managed by Ausland Group of Eugene, is intended to serve multiple emergency-related functions, including the temporary staging of equipment and people during large-scale all-hazard events. It will also allow the department to pre-stage deployments, provide temporary relief to community members, and act as both a regional and state training center.


McKenzie Fire Chief Daren Bucich says "The primary purpose of this building is to provide an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for an Incident Command team to work from, a storage for a supply cache of equipment required for response teams during the emergency, and a store of non-perishable food, water, hygiene

items, sleeping bags, cots, etc, for community members to use immediately following the incident until disaster relief organizations can rally to support them."

He went on to note that, "we are appreciative of the state-wide support received for the DRLC and are working hard to build strong multi-agency partnerships. A facility like this along the McKenzie Corridor will also benefit utility companies, Search & Rescue, law enforcement, federal, state, city, and county agencies along with the community members."



The new structure is slated for completion in the fall of 2023. The district will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at that time to celebrate the end of the project with the community.

Any comments or questions can be directed to Chief Bucich at McKenzie Fire & Rescue; at 541-896-3311 or mckenziefire@mckenziefire.com



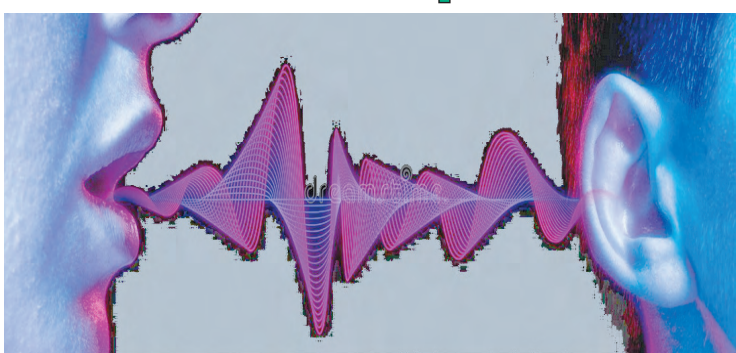
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those three assumptions, producing three different portfolios of energy resources.

15% planning reserve margin

For the first, EWEB assumed that a region-wide program would require EWEB to acquire enough resources to have a 15% buffer above the utility's average peak needs, called a "planning reserve margin."

This is a likely requirement in the years ahead. EWEB and utilities across the Western U.S. are developing a reliability program that is meant to incentivize utilities to invest in energy generating resources that will help maintain a reliable grid. This program – called the Western Resource Adequacy Program – will help the region avoid rolling blackouts when electricity demand is at its highest. The details of the program are under development, but EWEB will almost assuredly be obligated to meet at least a 15% buffer, and possibly more.

To meet these obligations, the analysis suggested EWEB turn to biomass plants, conservation and small modular nuclear reactors (SMR) to help meet those reliability margins.

Higher electrification

For the second, EWEB assumed that more customers would switch to electric heating and appliances, with 50% of residential buildings in Eugene that are currently using natural gas heat switching to electric. This is a likely to happen because of electrification incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act, as well as local rules aimed at reducing fossil fuel use. With this assumption, peak demand in 2042 would be 8% higher than in the reference case.

To meet this rising demand, the analysis suggested procuring small modular nuclear resources starting in 2030, when demand from electrification begins to ramp up, and adding in biomass a little later.

Transmission constraints

For the third, EWEB examined the impacts of higher transmission costs. High-voltage electric transmission lines bring energy from

east of the Cascade Mountains, where wind and solar are more abundant, to the west side of the Cascades, where EWEB customers use it. But current transmission lines are close to maxed out, and new lines are difficult to build.

If transmission costs are twice as high, then the cost of energy from wind farms in Wyoming and Montana rises. The "high transmission" alternative portfolio analysis suggested that this makes local solar – assuming its transmission costs are very low – cost competitive, along with biomass plants and small modular nuclear reactors.

Biomass and small modular nuclear offer solutions and trade-offs.

In each of the analyses, EWEB's modeling software suggested portfolios with more biomass and small modular nuclear than it selected in the reference case.

At biomass facilities, woody material is burned to generate electricity. In Oregon, that material typically comes from lumber industry waste and meets the standards for renewable energy as defined by the Oregon Renewable Portfolio Standard. But there are concerns about the air quality impacts of burning the material.

Small modular nuclear reactors (SMR) are a nascent technology with strong support from the federal government. The U.S. Nuclear Energy Regulatory Commission has approved initial designs, and utilities in the Western U.S. and around the world are signing contracts for SMR.

SMR differs from traditional nuclear plants in key ways. The reactors are far smaller and are manufactured offsite then delivered in modular units. The reactors also contain passive safety features in which the reactor automatically shuts down if a problem arises, negating the risk of a meltdown.

For EWEB, SMR represents a zero-carbon, on-demand energy resource that provides significant benefits for grid reliability.

"In the future, other emerging technologies, such as geothermal,

may fill the same roles as biomass and SMR. We're keeping a close eye on these new technologies as they develop," Booth said. "But the lack of accurate and consistent pricing and other data makes it difficult to model these resources."

Electric vehicle charging programs offer cost savings.

The new analysis also found that EWEB could develop programs to keep costs in check by better managing charging of electric vehicles.

EWEB forecasts that electric vehicle charging will be a major contributor to peak electricity demand in the coming decades. If EV owners plug in their vehicles after work, they will increase peak demand in the evening hours between 5 and 9 p.m. – when demand is already high.

But if EWEB can convince EV owners to charge their vehicles at other times, such as overnight between 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., peak demand won't be as high and EWEB won't have to buy as many resources. EWEB's electrification studies found that customer programs aimed at managing EV charging – such as time-of-use rates – could reduce EV peak charging demand by 40%.

"It's crucial that we partner with our customers to manage electric vehicle charging so we don't have to buy as many expensive new sources of energy," Booth said. "If we all work together to charge vehicles at night when there tends to be cheap, excess renewable energy on the grid, then we can both lower overall carbon emissions and reduce costs."

Next steps

EWEB's elected Board of Commissioners will discuss the 2023 IRP report and recommended action items at their meeting in July. They will weigh a list of action items that is likely to include conducting additional studies and exploring programs that encourage customers to shift their EV charging to off-peak hours overnight.

Then, EWEB will launch into the 2025 IRP, with analysis focused on BPA product options.

Student loan repayment program benefits low-income borrowers



By Eric Tegethoff
Oregon News Service

A proposal from the federal government could provide a better path toward student loan debt repayment, but a new survey finds many borrowers don't know about this option.

While the fate of the Biden Administration's debt erasure plan is in the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court, income driven repayment plans offer a next best option for former students. Through such plans, people pay based on their income rather than the amount they borrowed.

Lane Thompson, student loan ombuds for the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation, said a proposal from the U.S. Department of Education would make

this type of plan even more attractive.

"Let people keep a higher percentage of their earned income, be a smaller percentage of monthly income and allow for forgiveness after 10 years, rather than 20 or 25," Thompson outlined.

However, a survey from New America found the people who would benefit most from income driven repayment plans do not know they exist. According to the report, more than 40% of low income borrowers had not heard of the plans.

Thompson stressed it is a problem.

"It really is an issue that more folks don't know about these," Thompson noted. "I think it would be to the benefit of everybody if we knew more about the income driven repayment plans, as borrowers."

Thompson added borrowers also should know about the Fresh Start program. The temporary program gets people out of default and removes the default from their credit report. Borrowers need to contact their loan provider to access the program.

Loan repayment is likely to begin later this summer.

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Salvage trees

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The Community Log Program, organized by the McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals financial impact the program has had a big impact. To date, it has donated \$110,107.84 to local non-profit organizations.

Over the last two years, those numbers include a total of \$15,018.70 was donated to the Vida-McKenzie Community Center; \$45,045.12 was granted to the O'Brien Memorial Library; and Locals Helping Locals received a total of \$50,044.02.

Those amounts are an obviously huge benefit to these three non-profit organizations and it has been made available by the generosity of Joel Zeni and Suulutaaq, Inc. and Jeff Brink, Brinks Land Improvement.

The program was initiated by Joel Zeni. Suulutaaq and Brinks Land Improvement, a way to accept log donations from the community members after the Holiday Farm Fire. Some were people who didn't have enough logs to

justify the process of marketing and delivery, etc. on their own. Other log donations came from folks who weren't interested in going through an involved process of securing harvest permits, contracting, and marketing.

To simply things, Joel offered their companies to collect and transport the logs, and Cliff Richardson of Locals Helping Locals agreed to secure the necessary permits and do the marketing with the mills. Suulutaaq did the necessary intake paperwork from the loggers and Richardson did the paperwork on the state timber taxes.

Payment to each non-profit organization was calculated on a percentage basis. Locals Helping Locals held the funds until disbursement each Spring following tax payments.

Speaking for all three of the non-profits, Richardson said "We are very thankful and appreciative to Joel, Jeff, and their businesses."

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