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 directions. 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/3dd464d4 for more details on recreation opportunities within the region.

Engineer donates speed feedback signs for McKenzie Highway

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 Suulutaaq, 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.

“We were 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 a 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.”

Time for sweet berries

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

Fire safety boosted

Projects in Blue River and Leaburg moving forward

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.

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 Local’s Helping Locals.
Oregon Senate Republican walkout ends with compromises

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

By Ben Botkin and Julia Shumway

Oregon Senate leaders on Thursday reached a deal that brought a hobbled legislative session to a close after the Republicans, with more than 30 absent Republicans began

Democrats would waive the $325 daily fines accruing earlier this month. Senate Minority Leader Tim Knopp, R-Bend, described Republicans’ presence as a show of good faith. “We 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.

“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 Capitol Chronicle)

Both parties claim victory: Senate Republicans, joined by Sen. Brian Boquist, R-Dallas, have boycotted floor session to voice objections for evolving reasons. They first cited the readability of bills. 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 abortion services.

“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 an pro- vider determines that informing a parent could result in abuse or neglect. Oregon’s second health care provider with a different facility agrees that it wouldn’t be the child’s best interest to involve a parent.

The amendment also would dele te provisions of the bill establish ing protective 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 satisfied with the agreement.

“I think the Democratic major- ity 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 Senate Rules Committee 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 potential measures on 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, and we made a deal. We talked, and this is the path we’ve chosen,” Lieber told reporters.

Senate Republicans 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. Kar. kenh Tackett, D-Southeast Portland, said in a statement to the Oregon Chronicle. “They could have stayed away, blocking every single progressive priority: no re- productive health care rights, no gun control and no rights for the transgender community.”

The Capitol building was abuzz with activity in the daw, 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 Repub lican Sens. Dick Anderson, Bill Hensall, David Brock Smith, Daniel Bonham and Lynne Find ley 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 10.

Anderson and Hensall joined them.

Questions remain: Oregon Firearms Federation, a pro-gun organization, sent an alert earlier Thursday decrying Knopp for reaching a deal with Democrats on HB 2002.

“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 way of life.”

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 of some them have some very deeply held beliefs and concerns still and are trying to fight 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 sena tors from skipping floor sessions, though.

Neither did a constitutional amendment voters passed in No vember, that prevents legislators from serving a new term of office after they rack up at least 10 unex cused absences.

Beavo-ter and Republican senators reached 10 absences, though it’s uncertain whether sena tors will face either consequence. Senators have indicated court chal lenges to the new absence law are likely.

Most legislative Democrats now support a proposal to change quo rum rules to prevent future walk outs, though Wagner said the bill will not proceed this session.

But Knopp left open the possi bility 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 re quested that we not walk out in the future, and we have to respect 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 likely to be walkouts in the future.”

Letters to the Editor

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

Friday 6/23

McKenzie Valley Party/County 3% change precipitation High: 79 Low: 48

Saturday 6/24

McKenzie Valley Party/County 3% change precipitation High: 80 Low: 53

Sunday 6/25

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MAILING ADDRESS: 59059 Old McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge, Oregon 97413
June 11: 11:22 a.m. Fraud - 94400 block, Marcela Rd. A caller advised that an unknown person opened a fraudulent telephone account in the caller’s name.

10:36 p.m. Disturbance, Dispute - 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Heated dispute between spouses, no injuries or crimes reported.

10:24 p.m. Vicious Dog - 43000 blk, 36000 blk, Medical - 55000 Medical - 38000 block, Suspicious Subject.

11:17 p.m. dispute - 39000 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 McK. Hwy. A caller advised that a neighbor’s dog was chasing the caller’s livestock. The neighbor’s dog was being aggressive and scratching the caller.

11:17 p.m. dispute - 39900 blk, Marcola Ln. An area resident believed they were hearing people playing guitar and laughing on the property. No evidence of trespassers.

5:35 p.m. Open Gate - McKenzie Bridge.


1:18 p.m. Speeding Vehicle - McK. River Dr. & McK. Hwy. 3:16 p.m. Civil Service - 49000 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:40 p.m. Suspicous Vehicle - Cascade View staging area.

June 17: 11:15 a.m. welfare check - 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. 1:37 a.m. Loud Noise - 37000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. 11:32 a.m. Disturbance, Dispute - 38100 blk, McK. Hwy. Verbal dispute between neighbors.

12:25 a.m. Civil Service - 49700 blk, McK. Hwy. 2:40 a.m. Suspicious Vehicle - 52000 blk, McK. Hwy. Subject believed they were being pursued.

12:00 p.m. Civil Service - 92200 blk, Carson Rd.

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

4:40 p.m. Suspicous Vehicle - Cascade View staging area.

June 18: 9:44 a.m. Disturbance, Dispute – Mona Campground. Physical dispute involving 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 - 89600 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 Lune Rd.

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

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

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Sheriff’s Report

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Subject Down. Patient Contact Made. No Needs.

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


16:47: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, Heart. 4:30 p.m. 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. No Incident Found On Arrival.


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

16:10: 53:40 p.m. 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transferred.


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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 headstrong, nosy. 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 at a chain of dimestores, and was asked to go to Portland, one in Oregon. Lola went forth and plunged into the Portland aid-society scene.

She found an eager, active community waiting for her. The Florence Crittenden 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, had opened 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 been waiting.

Worse, there were rumors of a vast and shadowy conspiracy, an underground web of slave recruiters organized and staffed by sinister, swanky foreigners, that was allegedly kidnapping girls and spiriting them away to a life of miserable sex service in foreign seaports and mines. 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 woman in 1905, it made perfect sense that men might want “inferior races” like Greeks, Slavs, Arabs, Indians, etc., would look down upon them, and the recruiters for the sex industries and even dance halls.

So Detective Baldwin quickly identified her just as the woman to run their operations, and she co-opted 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 solicitors and aborting them as unlicensed charlatans, offering them safe lodging and guiding them on their trips. Along the way, they instructed numerous attempts to recruit them into dodgy or unmoral situations.

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

So when the end of the fair was near, Lola Baldwin was convinced that the real problem was not the 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 had shrunk, 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: 250 “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 not be preyed upon when needed. At-risk girls who needed her help, she knew, be very reluctant to turn to public authority.

And she was very successful in this. In large part that was because she was relentless in the girls. She made connections with saloon owners and even bordellos 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 calamitous hero, a Mother Teresa figure.

But this focus shifted fairly quickly and led Detective Baldwin to a darker, less noble place. Although she never lost her focus of providing support for girls at risk of making bad choices, she became increasingly harsh toward those who had made “fallen.” Mostly this was because of one of the more toxic trends in Progressive Era thinking: 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 women who would be the poster children for 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 prostitution was a disease vector. Young, horny men would patronize them in their 20s, acquire 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, and for the protection of the innocent. There could be no more consideration, or not much more, for the right of the poor “fallen woman,” the unfortunate creature to be pitied rather than judged, as any congregative likes Baldwin had felt.

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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 from house. He remained so very still and watched the ground from house. He remains so very still. We called our Audubon. She admitted she might have paid more than she should but was also an outlier.)

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 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, 2 bunches sliced green onions (or 1 small diced onion), 3 ounces sliced pepperoni, ½ cup diced green pepper if you

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

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

* Read the whole article for the complete list of tips. Questions? Call the Pro Shop for more details.

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
Community Notes

It’s Paver Time

The progress being made on Vida McKenzie Community Church’s rebuild is amazing. One of the most exciting features of the new Center will be the hortensia photo mural. The entire area will be created from pavers, purchased by community members to give their loved ones or names of people to be remembered. Over 60 pavers have been ordered thus far. It is easy to leave your personal imprint on the Vida McKenzie Community Center. Each engraved 8” x 8” paver costs $100. Simply contact Gerry Astatke at 541-363-2651. Give her your phone number, tell her how many pavers you wish to have and then mail a check made out to VMCC at 46151 Goodpasture Rd., Vida 97488. As the time for installation nears, Gerry will call you to make sure your desired engraving is correct.

June 23 - 25
Camp Creek Sales

The Camp Creek Area Garage Sales will be open from Friday through Sunday. Travel around the Camp Creek neighborhood and you’ll find plenty of bargains.

June 25
McKenzie Food Pantry

Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 2nd & 4th Friday, at the Bridge Christian Church from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Shop for yourself or have food delivered to your car. Questions call Robin 541-844-8838.

June 24
Living River Day

The Living River Exploration Day is from 4 - 8 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene. Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds.

June 27
Celebration & Petfest

Children's Celebration featuring Petfest will provide fun for all family members whether they have two legs, four legs, or none. These two classic events are now happening at Island Park, 200 W B St, Springfield. Willamalane community partners, and exhibitors will share resources and fun interactive activities including live performances and more from 2 p.m. to 2 p.m. No registration is required; just stop by.

June 24
Blue River Redesign

Lake County Commission will host a community meeting on June 24 from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Lake County Old Gym, 51187 Blue River Drive.

June 24
Dine At A Time

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

June 26 - 30
Make Waves VBS

The Vacation Bible School is held at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge from 9 a.m. to noon. Daily specials are given with an opening session, bible story, and break-out sessions with Games, Bible stories, crafts, and more. Weekends are especially fun for kids, so much more. This Vacation Bible School is a great way to bring the local area churches with volunteers from all churches.

June 27
Springfield School Board

7 pm, Board of Directors meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

June 27
BCC Meeting

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June 27
Family Story Time

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Parents and children are invited to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

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June 28
Watershed Wednesday

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June 30
Tocanote Celebration

The Celebration: Golf Tournament is a 4-man scramble format. Entry fees are $125/person or $500/team, which include carts and a sweet tee prize. Tee time options are an 8 am or 2 pm shotgun. Prizes include best score, music, a drone light show, and more. Everyone is welcome - free admission.

July 1
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July 1 & 2
Blue River 4th of July

Bringing back the Blue River Community 4th of July Event this year would love for people to come and set up a tent with their arts and crafts or yard sale items. We plan to have the BBQ going and a 100% donation to the fund toロック is locked in for both days! We are accepting donations to help get this event moving! 2nd and 3rd July 5 pm at 51744 Blue River Dr Contact Samantha Winningham-503-429-9194.

Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

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July 5
Blue River Water Board

The board will meet at 6 p.m. at a link in the Hall, unless otherwise noted at blueriverpark.com

July 5
Blue River Park Board

The board will meet at 6 p.m. A link in the Hall, unless otherwise noted at blueriverwaterdistrict.com.

July 7 - 9
Lavender Festival

McKenzie River Lavender Farm is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday - Sunday for an annual summer weekend featuring the aromatic flower. Take a tour, take photographs, paint, shop for fragrant products, and listen to talks on lavender and lavender farming. The McKenzie River Lavender Farm, located just east of Walterville, offers a Lavender Labyrinth, specialty lavender products from oils to skincare essentials, u-cut lavender, a country buzzar of local artisans food, rug, and lavender refreshments. The farm is not dog friendly.

July 7 First Friday

First Fridays at Finn Rock Reach are from 9:30 am - noon at the Finn Rock Landing, Quartz Creek Road. Join the Friends of Finn Rock Reach from March through November to help care for the Finn Rock Landing area. Projects include tackling invasive species, planting trees and helping to care for the public Finn Rock boat landing, keeping it free and open to the public by McKenzie River Trust. Project sites vary between the Boat Landing and other nearby conservation sites so pre-registration is required. We’ll send out details for each project the Tuesday ahead of each event.

July 8
Exploring Art with Ellen

Children will love drawing with Ellen. She is patient and calm and works students through the drawing process step by step. The lessons will revolve around the seasons and holidays. Designed especially for your child, ages 6 - 10. $90 for children of members, $110 for children of non-members. From 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Emerald Art Center, 500 Main St, Springfield.

July 8
Dine At A Time

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

July 10
McK Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed Council’s mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable watershed health, function, and use. Location varies, times are 5 to 6:30 p.m. Contact: Melissa Siegrunco - 458-201-8150 malmelissa@mcwens.org

July 10
School Board Meeting

School Board Meeting 7 p.m - 8:30 p.m. The Board of Commissioners meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

July 11
Miller Board of Commissioners

The Miller Board of Commissioners will have their next meeting at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for the Tuesday following the Thursday Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

Stay in touch with events online with the McKenzie Community Events Calendar.
I need some advice, please! I’ve been married to the same man for 11 years. He’s a nice person when he’s not drinking. However, that isn’t very often.

He drinks in a daily basis. Sometimes it’s four beers, sometimes it’s 12 or more. He drinks alone and he’s verbally abusive. He tells me I could never make it without him. I would have to live in a cardboard box. He calls me a liar for a small thing he knows and will never let me leave.

He had a terrible childhood. He was adopted and his dad left when he was 11 years. He’s a nice person when he’s not drinking, but he won’t seek any type of help. He denies there is a problem. My husband saves most of the good for me, but he’s verbally abusive to our two children as well.

I’ve been to Al-Anon and talked to counselors. I tried to draw him back into that family, but he was pushing us away. I feel it’s best to separate from him. Maybe the realization will make him take control. It’s sad when your children wake up in the morning and ask, “Is Dad in a better mood, or do we need to be careful?”

If you have someone you love who is struggling, you might be feeling helpless. It’s hard to know how to help, especially if you’ve never experienced someone with substance use disorder.

The young leaves as they pass,
There, where the gay winds stay
My love is in a light attire
Depending on how severe the addiction is, it can be difficult to talk to someone about it. If you’re afraid to approach them, try starting small.

I have a friend who is struggling with substance use disorder and I don’t know how to help. I’ve tried talking to her about it, but she doesn’t want to hear it.

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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 personally these speed signs to do something to prevent these accidents in our community,” Zeni said.

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

By Eric Tegthoff
Oregon News Service
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The McKenzie Fire & Rescue


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.

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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 purpose, 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 commingled 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 total 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

JThe 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 tax-payer resources.”

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

- 2 additional FTEs in the District Attorney’s Death Investigations program
- Increasing the part-time Program 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 dis- tricted funds – including the General Fund – through a combination of expense reductions, alternate funding sources, and the modest use of reserves to minimize the ef- fects on our services to residents.”

Adoption of the budget followed approval by the Lane Coun- ty Budget Committee, which is made up of the five elected county commissioners and five appointed residents. The Budget Commit- tee reviews the proposed budget, conducts public meetings with public and hearings, and discusses possible changes leading up to approval of the budget. More information about Lane County’s budget process is avail- able at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/Budget.

Municipal mother

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

Our article about Lola Baldwin was untarnished heroes. She was venturing into spaces that are very well known to modern society. So, increasingly discouraged 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 something that we can’t 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 psychic 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 so easy to revert 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. By the 1960s, when Lola Greene Baldwin was unmarried 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.


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E N D 0 F  R I V I E W
EWEB’s energy options
Low-carbon, on-demand electricity in new study

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

Eugene, Ore. – The Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) may need more than just hydro-power, wind and solar farms, and utility-scale batteries to meet Eugene’s future energy 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 rigid 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 streams 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 IRP analysis 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 new wind farms, utility-scale battery and customer programs aimed at reducing energy demand.

In the latest analysis, which examined what is needed to meet 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,” said Booth. “We can then complement 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,” said Booth. “In particular, the IRP is showing we have a need for new nuclear and emerging technologies that can generate electricity on demand – most notably biomass and small modular nuclear reactors (SMR).”

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.

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The analysis revealed what happens when energy from wind and solar farms is blocked by weather, such as biomass plants.

“Low-carbon, on-demand electricity in new study builds on initial IRP analysis. The new analysis tweaked key assumptions. This prompted the modeling software to suggest alternative optimal mixes of energy resources.”

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The district will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at that time to celebrate the end of the project with the community.

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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, was purchased for the new station in September of 2021. In January a construction contract was awarded to the low bidder, Bridgeway Construction of Lowellow, for $1,880,826, Plans call for the new fire station to be up and ready by November.

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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

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Gossip?

Shop at Home, it makes Sense

McKenzie River Reflections

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

1. Biomass and small modular nuclear reactors (SMR) to help meet those reliability margins.

2. 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 will switch 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 EWEB turn to biomass plants, conservation and small modular nuclear reactors (SMR) to help meet those reliability margins.

By Eric Tegtboff Oregon News Service

A proposal from the federal government could provide a better path toward student loan debt relief, but a new survey finds many borrowers don’t know about this option. With the fate of the Biden Administration’s debt erasure plan 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.

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