

McKenzie Eagles
Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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Cross Country Championships

Eagle Varsity Cross Country runners Myra Dion and Will Meister competed in their respective Cross Country District Championships last Thursday

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Time to stock up

Hazelnut, walnut, or chestnut trees in your home orchard can keep you supplied with nuts for months

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Touring time nears an end
Classics from the fifties purred into town

RAINBOW: With a top speed of 163 mph, the Mercedes 300 SL was the fastest production car in the world when it debuted in 1954. Many of the examples that pulled into Rainbow last week were still capable of hitting that mark.

All of the 37 cars on a

the 300 SL Foundation tour that swung through the McKenzie Valley last week were factory originals. Some had been fully restored, frame-up rebuilds using original parts. A few others were “hot rods” that had their performance tweaked a bit.

That sort of attention to detail is at the heart of the tour’s sponsor, which provides technicians in a parts truck that follows the cars around as they venture out on day tours during the four-day annual event. This year they didn’t have to

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37 classic Mercedes Benz 300 SL's made an impressive lineup last Saturday when they pulled in for a lunch stop in Rainbow.

Library is coming back
O'Brien Library reconstruction ready to start



They all dug in at the groundbreaking for the O'Brien Memorial Library (from left): Larissa Andrews - Vice-President of OML, John Stapleton - Pivot Architecture, Alexis Thomas - Pivot Architecture, Charlie McClain - McClain Construction, Connie Richardson - President OML, Mickey Hornbeck - McClain Construction, and Aidan Wilson - Treasurer OML

BLUE RIVER: There was more cause for celebration last Friday as applause rang out for people with shovels. The event truly “broke ground” when a crew of seven dug into the turf where the new O'Brien Memorial Library is to be built.

The new building will join other public structures in Blue River that plan to have grand openings next year. The others include the Upper McKenzie Fire District's Blue River station and a medical clinic funded by McKenzie Valley Wellness.

The library rebuild will involve the

recreation of one of the community's oldest institutions dating back to a lending library begun in 1928. As Connie Richardson explained to the crowd that gathered last Friday, the initial operation was pretty simple. Books were placed in orange crates on the front porch of Frances and Orel O'Brien. The rules were simple. People could borrow whatever books they wanted - as long as they returned them in good shape.

There were no due dates, fines, or forms

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El Nino in place for winter
Warmer than average temperatures coming?

This year, El Niño is in place heading into winter for the first time in four years, driving the outlook for warmer-than-average temperatures for the northern tier of the continental United States, according to NOAA's U.S. Winter Outlook released last by the Climate Prediction Center..

From December through February, NOAA predicts wetter-than-average con-

ditions for northern Alaska, portions of the West, the southern Plains, Southeast, Gulf Coast and lower mid-Atlantic and drier-than-average conditions across the northern tier of the U.S., especially in the northern Rockies and High Plains and near the Great Lakes.

* Warmer-than-average temperatures are favored across the northern tier of the U.S.

and much of the Far West

* The greatest odds for warmer-than-average conditions are in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and northern New England.

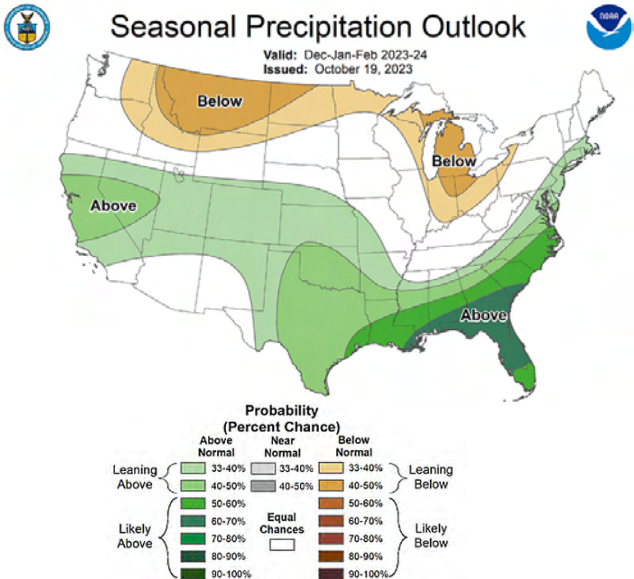
* Near-normal seasonal mean temperatures are most likely for a region from the south-central Rockies to the southern Plains.

* Remaining areas fall into the category of equal chances for below-, near-, or above-average seasonal mean temperatures.

Precipitation

* Wetter-than-average

El Nino in place - P 9



Seasonal shutdown
Scenic Old McKenzie Hwy. closed for winter



White-topped ridges and falling leaves are indicators the seasons are changing. Another is the annual closing of the Old McKenzie Pass Highway, OR 242.

On Monday morning, October 30th, Oregon

Dept. Of Transportation, crews closed the highway from the western snow gate to the top of the pass at Dee Wright Observatory.

The east side of the highway from the observatory to Sisters will remain open un-

til the weather becomes too severe - or until November 9th, whichever comes first, according to Kacey Davey with ODOT's Bend office.

Weather on each side of the pass varies, and it's not

Seasonal shutdown - P 9

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McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Fall Season has concluded. There are no contests scheduled.

Myra Dion And Will Meister Compete At District Championship

Eagle Varsity Cross Country runners Myra Dion and Will Meister competed in their respective Cross Country District Championships last Thursday, October 26, held at Valley of the Rogue State Park. Sophomore Will Meister finished his 2A/1A SD4 District 4 Championship 5,000 meter race in a time of 20:33.80 minutes, a new personal record and 24th place out of a field of 77 competitors. Fellow sophomore Myra Dion ran her 5,000 meters 3A/2A/1A District 4 Championship race in a time of 23:47.41 minutes, also a new personal record, which placed her 42nd out of a field of 93 runners competing.

Curtiss Heier of Illinois Valley won the individual boys race with a top time of 17:06.31 minutes and Reedsport took home the Boys team trophy with a low score of 59. Bandon finished second with 72 points and Trinity Lutheran third with 75 pts.

Siuslaw's Alison Hughes ran to a first place in the Varsity Girls

race with a finish time of 19:54.49 minutes and the team trophy went to Siuslaw with a low score of 17 points. Second place went to Bandon with 66 points.

Eagles Tripped Up At Falls City

McKenzie's Varsity Six-man football team fell at Falls City last Friday, October 27, dropping their final game of the season to the host Falls City/Kings Valley Charter team, 43-6. Falls City/Kings Valley Charter, 11th ranked going into the game finished its regular season tied for third with Triangle Lake at 5-2 in Mt. West League play and 6-2 overall.

Eddyville Charter and Alsea finished the MWL regular season tied for first with identical 6-1 records. Eddyville posted an overall record of 7-1 and Alsea sits with a 8-2 overall currently.

McKenzie and Crow/City First Christian Academy ended their 2023 seasons in a tie for fifth with 2-5 MWL records. McKenzie finished with a 2-6 overall season and Crow/City First Christian Academy at 2-7.

Siletz Valley and C.S. Lewis Academy rounded out the rest of the MWL with 1-6 League records and Siletz Valley at 1-7 overall and C.S. Lewis Academy in at 1-8.

Mt. West League Volleyball Knocked Out In State First Round Bout

The Mt. West League's top three teams went a collective 0-9 in the OSAA State Volleyball Championships Round 1. The MWL Champion and 16th ranked Mohawk played host to 17th ranked Bonanza and the Antlers dispatched the Mustangs in three sets, 25-23, 25-19, and 25-9, thus ending Mohawk's season at 19-6



overall.

The second seed representing the MWL, the 24th ranked Eddyville Charter Eagles traveled to 9th ranked North Douglas, one of the toughest gyms to play in as a visitor and lost 25-15, 25-11, and 25-17.

Lastly, the third seeded team representing the MWL, the Triangle Lake Lakers, ranked 31st, made the long trek east to the State's #2 team, Powder Valley, which promptly dry-docked the Lakers plans for an upset win. The Badgers won in three sets, 25-8, 25-13, and 25-15.


The Mt. West League is the only Class 1A Volleyball League in the State that did not advance at least one team to the Second Round of the State Championships. The Old Oregon League cleared its bench while advancing four teams to the Second Round of 16 teams and the Mt. Valley League and the High Desert League advanced three teams each.

The last three contests listed also commence play on Friday, November 3, all contest times TBD.


Quarterfinals Set For Redmond 1A State Volleyball Championships

The final eight Class 1A teams standing are headed for Ridgeview High School in Redmond this November 3rd and 4th, for the 2023 OSAA/OnPoint Community Credit Union 1A Volleyball State Championship. Top ranked Crane will host 8th ranked Adrian, in the top half of the bracket and 4th ranked Umpqua Valley Christian is matched up with 5th ranked Joseph.

The bottom half of the Quarterfinals bracket features 2nd ranked Powder Valley squaring off with 7th ranked Crosshill Christian and 3rd ranked Trinity Lutheran toeing up with 6th ranked St. Paul.



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Friday 11/3		Saturday 11/4		Sunday 11/5	
					
McKenzie Valley Showers 50% chance precip High: 5061 Low: 52	Santiam Pass PM Showers 40% chance precip High: 49 Low: 38	McKenzie Valley Rain 80% chance precip High: 58 Low: 52	Santiam Pass Rain 80% chance precip High: 46 Low: 37	McKenzie Valley Showers 60% chance precip High: 57 Low: 49	Santiam Pass Showers 60% chance precip High: 43 Low: 32

WEATHER REPORT					
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	
10/24	53	44	0.24	1,373 cfs	
10/25	47	36	0.45	1,340 cfs	
10/26	48	36	0	1,297 cfs	
10/27	52	34	0	1,265 cfs	
10/28	51	33	0	1,668 cfs	
10/29	55	35	0	1,70 cfs	
10/30	58	39	0	1,619 cfs	
READINGS TAKEN AT EWING LEABURG POWERHOUSE					
Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow	
10/24	62	42	0	3,410 cfs	
10/25	53	42	0.84	3,810 cfs	
10/26	53	34	0.21	3,960 cfs	
10/27	54	32	0	3,620 cfs	
10/28	52	30	0	3,700 cfs	
10/29	60	32	0	3,670 cfs	
10/30	57	35	0	3,550 cfs	

Sheriff's Report

Oct. 23: 9:32 a.m: Disorderly Subject - Deerhorn Rd. & Fawn Way.

9:44 p.m: Assault - 36500 block, Parsons Creek Rd.

10:00 a.m: Civil Problem - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd.

Oct. 24: 5:53 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 57600 blk, McK. Hwy.

6:43 a.m: Traffic Hazard - Camp Creek Rd. & Upper Camp Creek Rd.

10:31 a.m: Truck Inspection - McK. Hwy. Milepost 13.

12:01 p.m: Suspicious Subject - York Ln. & Deerhorn Rd.

4:04 p.m: Suspicious Subject - Deerhorn Rd. & Fawn way.

10:29 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

Oct. 25: 10:24 a.m: Injured

Animal - Marcola Rd. & Howard Rd.

11:14 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 39500 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

12:21 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 92000 blk, Farkas Ln.

6:42 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - dollar Rd. & shotgun Creek Rd.

9:59 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 36700 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

Oct. 26: 3:41 a.m: Warrant Service - Lat: 44.17917. Long: - 122.89762.

6:19 a.m: Burglary - 41400 blk, McK. Hwy.

8:27 a.m: Medical Info Call - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

11:40 a.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 51700 blk, Blue River Dr.

3:02 p.m: Civil Service - 91500 blk, Dearborn Island Rd.

4:31 p.m: Speeding Vehicle - Millican Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

4:51 p.m: Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:52 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Millican Rd. & McK. Hwy.
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State Police Report

Oct. 24: 15:50: Crash, Injury - Hwy. 126e, Milepost 34. Dispatched to a single vehicle, non-blocking injury crash. Unit #1, a silver Nissan XTR, was traveling westbound when it left the roadway and crashed into a ditch. The driver was transported to McKenzie Willamette Hospital for injuries sustained in the crash and evaluated. The driver arranged for his own tow. Involved: 33-year-old male from Blue River.

Oct. 29: 17:19: Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Alcohol - Hwy. 126E, Mp. 37. Troopers responded to a single vehicle collision. The driver lost control of the vehicle. The SUV traveled off the right shoulder and collided into the dirt embankment. Probable cause was developed on the driver and she was placed into custody for DUII and she was placed in custody for DUII. The driver consented to breath samples, which yielded results of 0.24 BAC. The driver was cited and released. The vehicle was towed. Involved: silver/aluminum Mercedes GLA, 44-year-old female from Medford.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Oct. 23: 6:40: 8043 Thurston Rd. Medical, Heart. Confirmed Deceased.

11:12: 90522 Mountain View Ln. Medical Alarm. False Alarm.

15:07: McK. Hwy./Milepost 21. Down Line. Removed Hazard From Highway.

Oct. 24: 15:50: McK. Hwy./Mp. 34. Motor Vehicle Accident. Injury/Non-Blocking, 1 Transported.

16:50: Camp Creek Rd./Upper Camp Creek Rd. Legal Burn. Controlled Burn.

Oct. 25: 1:16: Marcola Rd./Mp. 4. Legal Burn. Controlled Burn, Disregarded.

4:27: 36465 Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

10:19: McK. Hwy./Mp. 33. False Alarm/MVA. False Alarm, Disregard.

11:08: 39565 Deerhorn Rd. False Alarm/MVA. Unable To Locate.

11:21: 37860 MJ Chase Rd. Medical, General. Patient Declined Care Prior to Arrival. Disregard.

13:31: McK. Hwy./Mp. 30. False Alarm. Disabled Vehicle with Tow on Scene, Traffic Control WB Lane.

21:58: 36790 Camp Creek Rd. MVA. Investigate, UTL.

Oct. 27: 1:52: 38720 Natures Garden St. Medical, Heart. Assist.

8:48: 39113 Easton Ln. Medical, General. Disregarded.

10:30: Goodpasture Rd./Leashore Dr. MVA. Injury/Non-Blocking, 1 Transported.

12:30: 45602 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

17:56: Marcola Rd./Mp. 5. Mutual Aid. Disregarded.

Oct. 29: 11:17: 35781 Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, November 20th at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Oct. 24: 14:09: Fire - 57000 block, McK. Hwy. Smoldering, not spreading, at the bottom of a large tree stump, Paradise Camp-ground.

15:47: Motor Vehicle Accident - McK. Hwy./Milepost 34. 1 vehicle wreck.




Oct. 25: 10:13: MVA - McK. Hwy./Mp. 33. SUV off the side of the road, Unknown if anyone is in the vehicle.

Oct. 26: 08:24: Medical - Terwilliger Hot Springs. Male in distress, screaming for help.
































Oct. 27: 18:35: Illegal Burn - McK. Hwy. /Mp. 45. Vehicle pulled over with a fire going fire near the vehicle.

Oct. 30: 07:18: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.



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Gardening Tips

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Gather nuts frequently as they fall



Hazelnut, walnut, or chestnut trees in your home orchard can keep you supplied with nuts for months if you know the best ways to harvest, handle, and store them.

Harvesting hazelnuts means gathering them as they fall from the trees – before autumn rains, if possible, said Ross Penhallegon, a horticulturist with Oregon State University’s Extension Service. You can shake branches lightly, but in most cases, the nuts will fall on their own.

Walnuts are mature as soon as the husk cuts free from the nut, but usually, they are not harvested until rains crack the husk, causing the nut to drop, usually in October. Mature walnuts lose quality rapidly after they have fallen, so gather fallen nuts frequently to prevent mold, discoloration, and decay, Penhallegon said.

Chestnuts are mature when they fall naturally from the tree. They ripen in September and October over a period of about two to four weeks. The nuts gain half of their final weight in the final two weeks before falling, so avoid knocking them from the tree. Gather the fallen nuts every few days to preserve quality.

It’s important to know your chestnuts. Take care not to eat horse chestnuts, which are poisonous, Penhallegon said. They are covered with a leathery, sometimes spiny fruit capsule, which contains two or three glossy seeds or nuts. The leaves originate from the same point and are divided like a fan into five to seven large, toothed leaflets, which are four to 10 inches long.

Edible chestnuts have a husk that is covered with sharp, stiff bristles. The husk splits to reveal two or three nuts. The leaves are three to seven inches long, with sharply toothed edges. The leaves grow alternately along the stem.

After harvest, walnuts and hazelnuts should be dried before eating or storage. Begin drying within 24 hours of harvest. You can save drying time if you shell the nuts first.

Air circulation is as important as temperature during drying, Penhallegon said, so dry the nuts on a screen-bottomed tray, in an onion sack, or in any other container that will permit free air

passage. Optimum drying temperatures are 95 to 105 degrees. If the temperature exceeds 110 degrees, nut quality will be poorer.

Small lots can be dried above a furnace vent or radiator as long as the temperature does not exceed 105 degrees. Walnuts may require three to four days to dry and hazelnuts about two to three days. Nuts can be dried at lower temperatures, but more time is required.

Walnuts are dry enough for storage when the divider between the nut halves breaks with a snap. If the divider is still rubbery, the nut is not dry enough.

Hazelnut kernels are firm at first and become spongy during the drying process. As they approach dryness, they become firm again. The internal color gradually changes from white to a creamy color, starting at the outside. When the color reaches the center of the kernel, the nut is dry.

Unlike hazelnuts and walnuts, chestnuts are a fairly perishable product. They are a high-starch, low-fat food more like an apple or potato than a tree nut. Clean and refrigerate soon after harvest to prevent problems with mold and decay. For short-term storage (no more than three months), refrigerate or freeze fresh chestnuts. To prepare chestnuts for long-term storage, dry them following the instructions for walnuts and hazelnuts. Nuts will be rock-hard when dry.

Whether storing dried nuts (walnuts, hazelnuts, or chestnuts) or fresh chestnuts, the best choice is to store them in a freezer or refrigerator. You also can store them in a cool room (55 degrees or lower) if refrigeration is not possible. However, longevity is lower.

For more information, check out OSU Extension’s guide to Harvesting, Handling, and Storing Nuts from the Home Orchard.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



APRON MEMORIES

I recently read an article about aprons and the fact that they’re practically a forgotten item of clothing. Some young people today wouldn’t even recognize the word or what they are for. My mom, grandmother and aunt, as well as other ladies of their era always wore an apron over their dresses. In those days, most women wore skirts and dresses for housework, so used an apron to keep their clothes clean. Even when Mother began to wear slacks, she generally had an apron on when doing housework.

Homemakers also wore aprons over their “dress-up” attire when entertaining and serving guests. These were decorative hostess aprons, often with frills and ruffles. They generally weren’t made of the same utilitarian fabrics as their “everyday” aprons.

Apron Styles

The fabric of the aprons was typical of each era. So aprons are good sources of vintage and period fabrics for other art projects.

My very first item of sewing, other than doll’s clothes, was a drawstring apron made from a

feed sack. I made this, along with a matching feed sack drawstring skirt for my initial 4-H sewing projects. I modeled the skirt in the annual Dutchess County (NY) 4-H fashion show. I carried the apron and displayed it as I walked across the stage in my skirt. (And I still have the skirt!)

Do you remember the aprons of your life?

RAISIN MUFFINS, which you could serve at breakfast or for a snack.

Mix together: 1-tablespoon sugar, 1 egg, 4 tablespoons shortening, 1-cup sour milk.

Add the following ingredients, which have been, sifted together - ½ teaspoon baking soda, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/4-teaspoon salt, 1-cup graham or whole-wheat flour, 3/4 cup white flour. Mix together, with ½ cup raisins, until slightly lumpy.

Spoon into paper lined muffin tins. Bake at 400 degrees F. for 12-20 minutes, depending on the size of the muffin.

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Community Notes

November 2

O'Brien Library Story Time

The O'Brien Memorial Library, at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Drive, is once again offering Story Time on the 1st Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Enter the world of imagination and learning by joining our staff volunteers who will read a story and lead an activity for the young ones. Connect with other parents and let the kids mingle. Join us at our temporary location at UMCC and see all the colorful, amazing children's books we have. We can't wait to see you!

November 3

First Friday

First Fridays at Finn Rock Reach are from 9:30am - 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.

November 3

Dime At A Time

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

November 4

White Branch Celebration

Camp White Branch will host its 65th Anniversary Celebration with an open house from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Lunch will be available from 12:00-1:30 p.m. We will have a presentation/story time at 2 p.m. If you want to eat lunch with us please let us know you are coming by registering through our FB event or our evite: <http://evite.me/egNYr34kyw> or via email: cwboptionsmanager@gmail.com. If you have pictures or stories of Camp White Branch please let us know! We would love to include them in our event!

November 7

Fire Recovery Meeting

The State of Oregon is providing funds for Holiday Farm wildfire recovery and all are welcome to join the conversation. A commit-

tee of individuals, organizations, and agencies are meeting regularly to make recommendations. The next meeting is November 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. and there is time set aside at the beginning and end for public comments and questions. The State of Oregon program is called PIER - Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Revitalization - visit <https://lanecountyor.gov/PIER> to learn more, sign up for project updates, register for the meeting zoom link, and access meeting materials.

The in-person meeting will be held at the McKenzie River Community School District Office, 51187 Blue River Drive in Finn Rock and online: visit <https://lanecountyor.gov/PIER> to register for the zoom link.

Email megan.m.heurion@lanecountyor.gov or call 541-852-8259 to submit comments or questions. The Committee will formally vote on priorities during these public meetings.

The Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Revitalization (PIER) program funds will support:

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

November 10

Spaghetti Feed

The Walterville Grange is holding its annual Spaghetti Feed on November 10 from 5 to 7 PM. Spaghetti with meat sauce is on the menu with salad, garlic bread, dessert, and beverages. The Grange wishes to honor all Veterans and hope that you will join us in doing so. Their service is what makes our freedom so valuable. There will also be a raffle where you can pick the prize you want to try to win. This will be held at the Walterville Community Center/Grange Hall located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Walterville. The Grange is fundraising to replace the windows and siding on the west side of the building, and you are encouraged to add to the fundraising (check out our thermometer to see how much we have already raised). Please come and meet with your family, friends

and neighbors to have some great spaghetti and a good time. Donations are gratefully accepted. We are also collecting canned food items for the upriver food bank. Please contact 541-521-4760 for more information. Leave a message and calls will be returned.

November 13 & 14

Hydropower Meetings

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will gather the public's perspective and opinions on the future of hydropower across the Corps' Willamette Valley system of dams during three listening sessions - one in-person and two virtual.

The Corps will record public input for inclusion in a report to Congress.

The Water Resources Development Act of 2022 directed the Portland District to complete a report to Congress containing information on a determination of federal interest in, and to identify the effects of, removing hydropower production as a purpose - in whole or in part - from the Corps' Willamette Valley system of dams.

The dams serve multiple purposes in addition to hydropower production, such as flood risk management, irrigation and recreation.

"We look forward to collecting the public's input as we prepare this report," said Hugh Kim, the project manager for the disposition report. "This is an opportunity for the public to contribute to decisions to be made at the Congressional level."

The listening sessions will begin with a brief introduction by Corps officials. The remainder of the session will be dedicated to collecting input.

Verbal statements received during the listening sessions will be recorded and transcribed for inclusion in the Report to Congress. We also will accept brief written statements during the listening sessions. If you are unable to attend a listening session, submit a request to the project email address: WVHPWRDA22@usace.army.mil for further information on how to submit your written statement.

Virtual Listening Session #1

Monday, Nov. 13, 2-4 p.m.

<https://usace1.webex.com/meet/WVHydropower>

Virtual Listening Session #2

Monday, Nov. 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. <https://usace1.webex.com/meet/WVHydropower>

In-Person Listening Session

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Salem Public Library, Plaza Level, Room Anderson A, 585 Liberty St SE, Salem, OR.

The WRDA 2022 authorizes "much-needed investments in projects and programs of the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers across the country." This bipartisan legislation ensures timely congressional authorization of Corps studies and projects.

Specifically, the law says that the study should assess:

* Whether and how discontinuing hydropower production at one or more of the eight dams would affect how those dams, other dams in the system, and the system as a whole would be operated for their other authorized purposes

* How the costs of discontinuing hydropower would be apportioned

* What impacts there would be on dam safety and compliance with the Endangered Species Act

The Corps held two information sessions in September, during which Corps experts discussed the purpose and key elements of the disposition report. Recordings of those sessions are available here: www.nwp.usace.army.mil/WRDA22-Report/

Vida McKenzie CC Updates

"BILLY GOATS" & "FLAT LANDERS" NEEDED FOR DIRTY WORK

Vida McKenzie Community Center has partnered with PureWater Partners and Upper Willamette Soil & Water Conservation District to install a native plant/fire-wise landscape at VMCC. Who knew that the optimal time to plant these plants is from November to January?? Burrrrr!

VMCC is looking for volunteers to plant plants on the south bank of the property and around the level driveway areas between the dates of December 4th and December 8th. VMCC will provide snacks and warm drinks, but volunteers will need to bring their own tools, gloves, and good energy.

If you are interested in helping restore this landscape, call Gerry Aster at 541-896-3001.

MATCHING CAMPAIGN A HUGE SUCCESS

When a generous donor offered to give Vida McKenzie Community Center \$30,000 if it could raise at least \$30,000 between August 15th and October 15th, VMCC's Board nervously agreed to try. Was it possible to raise that amount of money in just 60 days?

Well, not only did the McKenzie Valley respond to this challenge - it exceeded it by a mile! Thanks to local donors, VMCC raised \$64,347! And, because of this amazing community response, the anonymous donor will be increasing his contribution to bring the "grand total" of the Matching Campaign to almost \$100,000.

Thank you to each and every donor for making this campaign such an overwhelming success. Together, we are approaching the finish line. Go to vidacommunitycenter.com and click on the Construction Scrapbook icon to see the Center's rebuilding progress. The pace is really picking up!

Gerry Aster, VP and Fundraising Chair

Forest Service is hiring for the 2024 season

The USDA Forest Service is now accepting applications for more than 1,000 seasonal spring and summer jobs in Oregon and Washington. Positions for the 2024 season are available in multiple fields, including fire, recreation, natural resources, timber, engineering, visitor services, and archaeology. Temporary positions with the Forest Service are a great way to gain valuable experience, work outdoors, and get exposure to different careers.

Applications must be submitted on www.USAJOBS.gov by 8:59 p.m. pacific time on Nov. 8, 2023. Interested applicants will need to create an account in USAJOBS and are encouraged to apply early. Instructions on how to navigate USAJOBS to find the Forest Service's temporary positions in Oregon and Washington is available at the end of this news release. In addition, information about seasonal employment, available positions, and how to apply can be found online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r6/seasonaljobs>.

The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, aids state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

For information about nation-wide hiring events, conferences, internships or for more details about diverse career opportunities with the Forest Service please visit our national website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/careers>.

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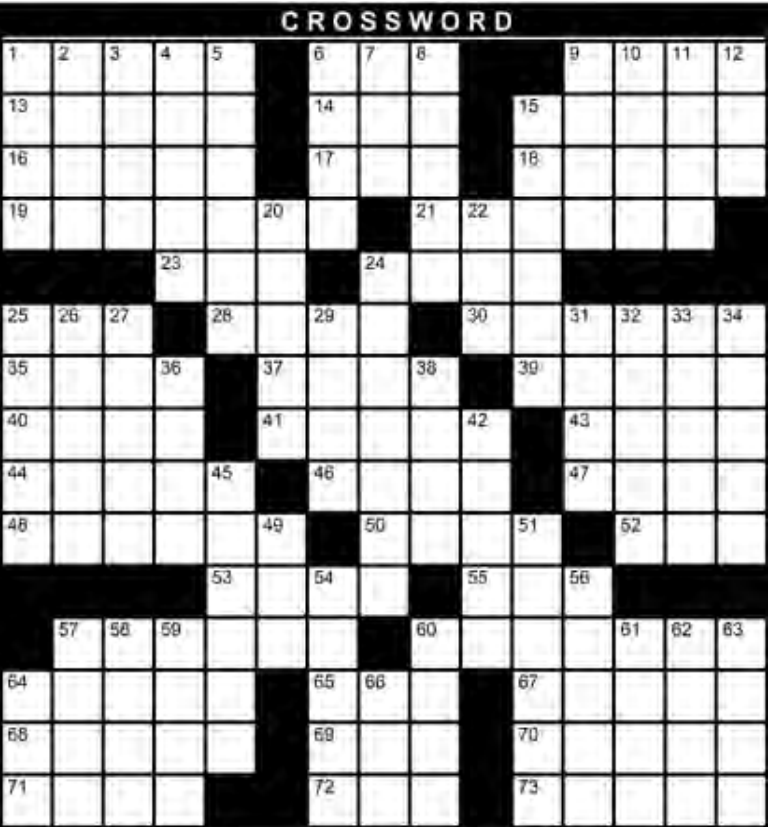
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- ACROSS
1. Dylan lyric, "There was music in the ____ at night and revolution in the air"

6. *Many scientists have this

9. Alpha Centauri B, e.g.

13. Measured in kilowatt-hours, on electric bill

14. Ring of flowers

15. TV's "____ Blinders"

16. Make believe

17. Public promotions

18. Appropriate for Halloween

19. *F unit of capacitance named in
- whose honor?

21. *Marine biologist and "Silent Spring" author

23. L.A. baller

24. Not on a rolling stone?

25. Value added reseller

28. New Zealand fruit

30. Option at a hot dog stand, adj.

35. One's final notice

37. Without, in French

39. Time being

40. Toy construction set brand

41. Turning token taker

43. Jewish month

Solution on Page 9



Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Solution on Page 9

44. Jab on field of play
46. A ride up ski hill
47. Short for Milton
48. *A unit of electric current named in whose honor?
50. Home to Zion National Park
52. Wood-shaping tool
53. Morays, pl.
55. One little piggy
57. *A telescope was named in his honor
60. *Primatologist and world's fore-most expert on chimpanzees
64. Popular snorkeler's attraction
65. Have a cold
67. Sphere in Las Vegas, e.g.
68. Pond buildup
69. To and ____
70. Gives off
71. Goes with a rod
72. Small dog's bark
73. Tears down

DOWN

1. Take into custody
2. On a deck?
3. So-so
4. a.k.a. tent caterpillar or lappet moth
5. Maurice of "Where the Wild Things Are"
6. Eugene O'Neill's creation
7. He had
8. Popular 70s genre
9. Witnesses
10. Hawaiian tuber
11. Similar
12. Kind of bourbon
15. P in POI
20. Out of whack
22. Cleopatra's killer, according to legend
24. Not a full size bus
25. *V unit of electric potential named in whose honor?
26. Crosswise, on deck
27. Build temporarily (2 words)
29. *W unit of power named in whose honor?
31. Type of rich soil
32. Most populous country
33. Burn with water
34. *Synonymous with unit of frequency and a car rental company
36. Muscle quality
38. Floor plank
42. Muse of love poetry
45. The ____makers of "Pitch Perfect"
49. #53 Across, sing.
51. Vacuum cleaner, in U.K.
54. Like kale or spinach
56. Swelling of human organs
57. Golfer's destination
58. Desires
59. Ancient Semitic deity
60. Lump of stuff
61. Black tropical cuckoos
62. Guitar forerunner
63. Is it really more?
64. *Carl Benz invented the first practical modern one in the 1880s
66. Retirement plan, acr.

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

Click here or go to: tinyurl.com/yeye92hx

Wed Sep 27th 9:00am -
Wed Dec 20th 9:00am

Watershed Wednesday

Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning from 9am-11:30am at Green Island to help care for this special area where the

Wed Oct 4th 9:00am -
Wed Dec 27th 9:00am

Watershed Wednesday

Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning from 9am-11:30am at Green Island to help care for this special area where the

Fri Oct 6th 12:00pm - Thu Nov 30th 12:00pm

Pumpkin Patch Rides at Herrick Farms

Starting on October 6th, starting at noon on Fridays and 9 am on Saturdays & Sundays. Last rides go out at 5:15 pm. \$2 per person, kids

Wed Oct 11th 9:00am -
Wed Jan 3rd 2024 9:00am

Watershed Wednesday

Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning from 9am-11:30am at Green Island to help care for this special area where the

Fri Oct 13th 4:00pm - Thu Nov 2nd 7:30pm

2nd Friday Art Walk

Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield

Wed Oct 18th 9:00am -
Wed Jan 10th 2024 9:00am

Watershed Wednesday

Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning from 9am-11:30am at Green Island to help care for this special area where the

Wed Oct 18th 7:00pm -
Mon Nov 6th 7:00pm

Upper McKenzie Fire District Board

Upper McKenzie Fire District Board of Directors monthly meeting. At the fire station, 541-822-3479

Sun Oct 22nd 5:30pm -
Sun Dec 17th 6:30pm

Community Choir Invitation

Come join friends and neighbors to sing beautiful Christmas together. Practices begin on Oct. 22nd. There will be 10 rehearsals - including

Wed Nov 1st 9:00am -
Wed Jan 24th 2024 9:00am

Watershed Wednesday

Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning from 9am-11:30am at Green Island to help care for this special area where the

Thursday 1:30 pm

Thu Nov 2nd 1:30pm - 2:30pm

O'Brien Memorial Library

The O'Brien Memorial Library is once again offering Story Time on the 1st Thursday of each month at 1:30pm. Enter the world of imagination ...

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Fri Nov 3rd 9:30am - 12:00pm

Volunteer: First Fridays at Finn Rock Reach

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Sheriff's Report

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5:58 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Millican Rd. & McK. Hwy.

7:25 p.m: Citizen Contact - Holden Creek Ln. & McK. Hwy.

8:48 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 91100 blk, Donna Rd.

10:09 p.m: Illegal Burn - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

Oct. 27: 10:35 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Injury - Goodpasture Rd. & Leashore Dr.

11:19 a.m: Water Patrol - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:58 p.m: Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:59 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Marcola Rd. Mp. 5.

6:08 p.m: Assault - 37000 blk, parsons Creek Rd.

7:19 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

11:43 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

Oct. 28: 8:18 a.m: Found Property - 91300 blk, Marcola Rd.

8:47 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Thurston Rd.

12:37 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Camp Creek Rd. & Millican Rd.

12:51 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Millican Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

1:34 p.m: Burglary - 39600 blk, Wendling Rd.

1:59 p.m: Assist - Information - 39400 blk, May Way.

4:47 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 88900 blk, Bridge St.

Oct. 29: 12:37 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 39800 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:51 a.m: Prowler - 40000 blk, Log Creek Rd.

9:45 a.m: Welfare Check - Lat: 44.07541. Long: -122.74421.

11:36 a.m: Civil Standby - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

2:06 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - McGowan Creek Rd. Mp. 1.

7:18 p.m: Reckless Driving - Mohawk River Rd. & Marcola Rd.

Oct. 30: 10:18 a.m: Subpoena Service - 40600 blk, Mohawk River Rd.

11:02 a.m: Subpoena Service - 37200 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

11:23 a.m: Civil Service - 37500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

12:37 p.m: Alarm - 41900 blk, Holden Creek Ln.

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

November 2 - Winema was a Modoc Indian. She married a white man, Frank Riddle, and played an important role in the Modoc Indian War where she acted as a messenger and interpreter for the government forces. When the unarmed members of a peace commission were attacked under a white truce flag, Winema came to the aid of A. B. Meacham, Superintendent of Indian Affairs in Oregon, and saved his life. For her loyalty during the war Winema was granted a government pension of \$25 per month, but she gave the money to needy Indians. Winema made a tour of the Eastern states and spoke about the sad plight of her people. She was a compelling speaker and became a national celebrity. When she died in 1920, a marker was placed on her grave that reads “Winema – the Strong Heart.”

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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.

Fish Counts

October 24, Willamette Falls

Fall Chinook – 2,184

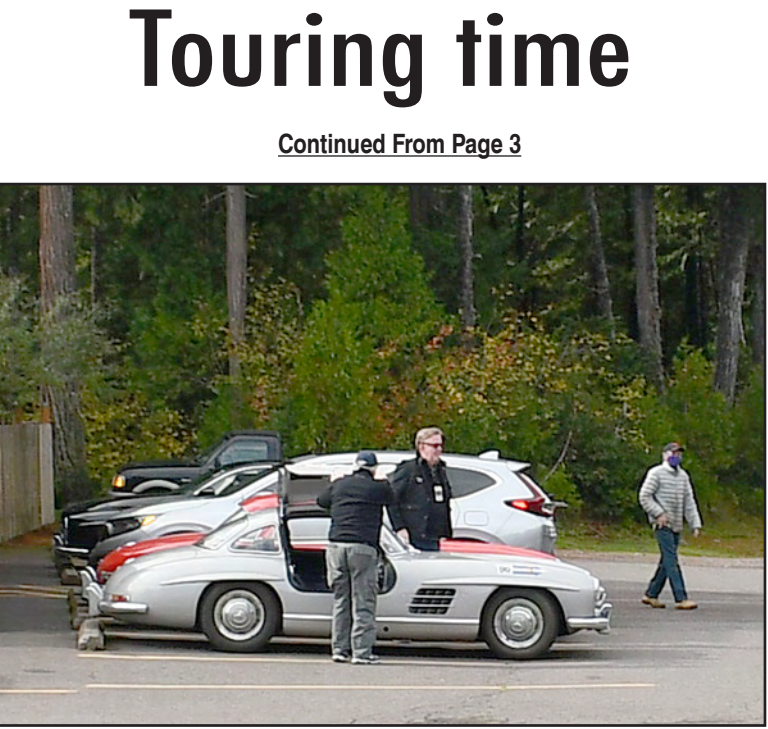
Summer Steelhead – 1,149

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Produced between 1954 and 1957, the “Gullwing” coupe got its name from its swing up-doors. From ‘57 to ‘63 the Mercedes 300 SL morphed into a roadster.

deal with much more than minor maintenance with their biggest repair was replacing a faulty alternator.

“The cars are extremely reliable,” according to tour spokesman Craig McLughlin. “It’s getting harder and harder to find guys to work on these old cars,” he noted.

With that in mind, the foundation uses some of the money it raises from participants to donate to McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas. The four-year liberal arts school is the only one in the nation that offers a bachelor’s degree in automotive restoration.

Last week the touring cars headed out on day trips from their base at the Sunriver Resort south of Bend. On one of the days the group decided to make a run to Albany because someone had heard about a “great restaurant you just have to try.” On Thursday they chanced their luck and drove over the Old McKenzie Pass after learning the road to Crater Lake had already been blocked by snow.

“The factory did a fantastic job of building these cars,” McLughlin said. “they’re very fast, handle nicely, brake well, and can keep up with modern traffic. I’ve got a few other 50’s cars and this is by far the easiest to drive.”

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Seasonal shutdown

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uncommon to close or open each side of the highway separately, Davey noted.

Officials say weather, costs, and logistics make it impractical to maintain the scenic route for travel year-round. In the winter, crews focus on the region’s main highways to keep them plowed, open, and safe.

When the Hwy. 242 is closed, it is closed to all users and is not maintained. ODOT warns travelers that going past locked gates and closure signs means people could encounter hazards and working equipment on the road, in areas where there are no services or cell coverage.

Every year, McKenzie Pass opens and closes with the seasons. Dates

vary depending on road and weather conditions.

McKenzie Pass became a seasonal scenic highway in 1962 with the completion of the Clear Lake-Belknap Springs section of Oregon 126. Even during its time as the main route between the Willamette Valley and Central Oregon, the narrow, twisting roadway and high elevation (5,325 feet) made the highway too difficult to maintain and keep clear during the winter months.

To see what routes are open over the mountains, and to view current road and weather conditions visit TripCheck.com or call 511.

El Nino in place

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conditions are most likely in northern Alaska, some areas of the West from parts of California to the south-central Rockies, the southern Plains, Gulf Coast, Southeast and lower mid-Atlantic.

* The greatest odds for drier-than-average conditions are forecast in portions of the northern Rockies and central Great Lakes region, especially for Michigan and northern Ohio and Indiana.

* Much of the central portion of the U.S. falls into the category of equal chances for below-, near-, or above-average seasonal total precipitation.

Drought
* Widespread extreme to exceptional drought continues to persist across much of the South, and portions of the central U.S.

* Drought conditions are expected to improve across the Southeast, the Gulf Coast (including the lower Mississippi Valley), and Texas due to the expected wetter-than-average forecast.

* Drought conditions are expected to persist for the northern Rockies, northern Great Plains, and portions of the desert Southwest this winter.

* Drought development could occur in the interior Pacific Northwest given the chance for drier-than-average conditions.

* Drought is likely to persist or develop across Hawaii.

About NOAA’s Seasonal Outlooks

NOAA’s seasonal outlooks provide the likelihood that temperatures and total precipitation amounts will be above-, near- or below-average, and how drought conditions are anticipated to change in the months ahead. The outlook does not project seasonal snowfall accumulations as snow forecasts are generally not predictable more than a week in advance.

NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center updates the three-month outlook each month. The next update will be available November 16.

Seasonal outlooks help communities prepare for what is likely to come in the months ahead and minimize weather’s impacts on lives and livelihoods. Resources such as drought.gov and climate.gov provide comprehensive tools to better understand and plan for climate-driven hazards. Empowering people with actionable forecasts, seasonal predictions and winter weather safety tips is key to NOAA’s effort to build a more Weather- and Climate-Ready Nation.

Coming back

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Not even hours. Best of all it worked.

It soon outgrew the porch and moved into the couple’s kitchen. That too wasn’t enough to contain a service the community came to rely on.

A move to a shed out back was replaced in 1975 when a separate 24 x 32-foot building became the new Blue River Library.

Charles Kural came to town in 1983 to borrow a book during a segment of his CBS show “On the Road.” After that donated books continued to arrive from all over the country - until the building and more than 40,000 volumes were lost in the Holiday Farm Fire.

Plans for the new building on the corner of Blue River Drive and Dexter Street include a cathedral ceiling with wood beams and windows along the peak. People can also look forward to comfortable seating areas, an electric fireplace, and views of the backyard and



Connie Richardson explained details of the new building that will allow for a lot more elbow room - both inside and out.

surrounding mountains. Desks, laptops, printing, and WiFi will also be available.

Other planned amenities will include a community meeting room featuring AV equipment, tables, and chairs, as well as a kitchen area. It will be available to rent for meetings, classes, groups, and social events, along with

community gatherings. Outside, the backyard has been designed to feature a covered patio, seating, tables, and a grassy area for reading, connecting with friends and neighbors, and hosting small venues such as music, art, weddings, family and friend gatherings - plus outdoor education events.



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