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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.

Time to stock up
Hazelnut, walnut, or chestnut trees in your home orchard can keep you supplied with nuts for months.

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

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

This year, El Nino 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 week. This year, El Nino 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 U.S., according to the Climate Prediction Center.

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

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 until 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

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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, which placed him 42nd out of a field of 93 runners competing. Curtis Heier of Illinois Valley won the individual boys race with a time of 17:36.31 minutes and Reedsport took home the Boys team trophy with a low score of 52 points. Trinity Lutheran team trophy with a low score of 23:47.41 minutes, also a new Championship race in a time of 17:06.31 minutes and the team trophy went to Ban don with 66 points.

McKenzie Eagles Tripped Up At Falls City
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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 6-2 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 2-7.

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

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In State First Round Bout
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Gather nuts frequently as they fall

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. Smaller 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. 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), but you must refrigerate. For short-term storage, place chestnuts in a plastic bag and store in the refrigerator, but do not store for more than two weeks. Long-term storage requires drying or freezing.

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**Community Notes**

November 2

O’Brian Library Story Time

The O’Brian Memorial Library, at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, will again be hosting the popular O’Brian Library 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 Ramp. Keeping it free and open to the public by McKenzie River Trust. Project sites vary between the Leaburg, Vida and other nearby conservation sites so pre-registration is required. We’ll send out details for each project the Tuesday before each event.

November 3

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.

November 4

White Branch Celebration

Camp White Branch will host its 65th Anniversary Celebration on an audience of public with a “Dine At A Time” event from 5-9 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/eGNY34Kw or via email at,, waltervillegrange@gmail.com. If you have pictures or other items related to the 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 funding for Holiday Farm wildfire recovery and all are welcome to join the conversation. A community meeting will take place to discuss issues and neighbors to have some great spaghetti and a good time. Donations are gratefully accepted. We are also collecting canned food items at the meeting place on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact 541-521-4760 for more information. Leave a message and the member of staff will return your call.

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 Devel opment Act of 2022 directed the Portland District to complete a report to Congress containing information on 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.

“Let us work forward to collecting the public’s input as we prepare this report,” said Tim 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 meetings will begin with a brief introduction by Corps officials. The remainder of the session will be dedicated to collecting verbal statements

Virtual Listening Session #1

Monday, Nov. 13, 2-4 p.m. https://usace1.webex.com/meet/WWHPWRD22A22

Virtual Listening Session #2

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

In-Person Listening Session

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

The WRDA 2022 authorizes “much-needed investments in programs and projects of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers across the country. This bipartisan legislation emphasizes 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 those dams, other dams in the system, and the system as a whole;
- Whether and how exploring alternative purposes for their other authorized purposes

* How the costs of discontinuing hydropower would be assessed;

* 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: https://www.usace.army.mil/WWRDA22-Report/2

**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 insta ll a native plant/tree-wise landscape at VMCC. Who knew that the optimal time to plant these plants is from November to January??? Brrrr!!! VMCC is looking for volunteers to plant 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 shoes.

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 November 1st, the VMCC’s Board and volunteers immediately set to work. 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 person 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

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**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 apply to the positions available online. In addition, information about seasonal employment, available positions, and how to apply can be found online at https://www.fs.usda.gov/gov/orr/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 more details about diverse career opportunities with the Forest Service please visit our national website at https://www.fs.usda.gov/.

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**An Invitation to Worship**

McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church

Please join us for worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m., either in church on Hwy. 126 just east of Vida, or on our Facebook Livestream. You may also make prayer requests, or request an emailed or email-mailed bulletin – phone or email mail to Nancy Ashley, nancy.w.ashley@gmail.com. We would love to meet you!

Milepost 13 McKenzie Hwy, (541) 747-2604

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**Vida McKenzie Bible Fellowship**

*AWAY FROM HOME* Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 p.m. 52535 McKenzie Hwy. Milespost 42 Gresham, OR. Gethsemane Chapel

MILLER FAMILY NIGHTS, Small Group Fellowships

Gathering Sundays at 10:00 A.M. Calvary Chapel

Community Bible Study and coffee – takeout style Thursdays, 6:00-7:00 P.M. Vida Community Center (2 Step Program)

GATHERING SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM

Milepost 13 McKenzie Hwy.

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**Catholic Church**

St. Joseph Catholic Church

51187 Blue River Drive in Finn Rock, OR

877-469-8517

1/2 mile off Hwy. 126, 126 on North Bank Rd., across from McKenzie Bridge

Sat. Eve. 5:00pm

Sun. Mass. 8:00am

web page: sbloeb.csw.org

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**McKenzie River Reflections**

Thursday, November 2, 2023

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I am 32 and a mom with two children. I’ve been married only twice—single for two years. My problem is that I found myself falling for my son’s teacher. I never saw a ring on his finger, so last school year I made every attempt to visit my school’s office as often as I could. Everyone knows about my son’s way out and emailed this man and told him how I felt. He replied that he was instructed that we could remain friends, and that he was my child’s teacher. I emailed back saying I didn’t know that. I was doing all right but somehow uncomfortable things would be. He said it would be fine, no feelings hurt.

Once again, he is teaching my child, and I still feel the same way. He is such a great man, so dedicated to the kids in his class. He is the man I want to get to know better. I have only seen him once this school year, but we often talk on the phone, though always about my son.

We get along so well and laugh like it is nothing. I don’t know if he just being nice, I don’t know. After this year, he will no longer be my child’s teacher. Is there anyway for me to find out if he’d like to continue talking? I’m hoping for more. I’ve been hurt in the past, but with him, it just feels so different, so right.

Any Araya, if you expect to have the right to say no and you want that listened to and respected, then you have to know he has the same right. You can do this. When you get a no, you move on.

If your lottery ticket is one number off, it doesn’t matter. As much as you would like it to be a winner, the numbers don’t match and you don’t have the winning ticket. There is no sense dwelling on it. Badgering him will make it less likely he will want to talk to you. There is one great positive in this. You have come in contact with a good man with the characteristics you have been looking for. He has given you a model for what you want. You want a man who makes you feel like this one.

This teacher is teaching you a lesson. He has been patient with you. Show him that you have learned. As Thomas Carruthers said, “A teacher is one who makes himself progressively unnecessary.”

Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

Building Amenities To begin with, I’m 60 years of age. My male friend is younger, I’m not sure how much older. From our school days. It’s a way of those things. We always liked each other’s style and wanted to get next to each other. Sex is wonderful, but he has another woman he has relations with, and we all live in the same building.

I tried to stop our little stop, but he was sad and I was sad, so we’re back together. However, I can’t deal with the other woman. I don’t want to be by myself. I want a man, and of course, he is the one I want. Am I being foolish or what?

Jorie

Jorie, you want him to stop seeing this woman, but she may want you to do the same. You are playing a waiting game, trying to outlast each other.

You can accept that you have an unpleasant male, but you can’t battle every woman willing to have sex with him? How can you tell if someone can affect you. You can do that by withdrawing your affection.

If he really likes your style and wants you be next to you can tell if he can make that choice. If he doesn’t, you will stop wasting time on the wrong man. Taxes will be paid.

This teacher has the power to cut his sex life in half.

Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

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The American Life in Poetry

Everything Here... in the voice of Tara Fares

By Joannah Altallal

Delirious, I laid to rest in the clavicle of a bird whose remaining body is a ghost. In the hereafter, death has the sense not to creep around me, breathe in my ear. Bright, bright this new world and ugly. To have been taught nothing of my body still, and my limbs. What to make of no one watching? In this world, I find myself floating to return to by a mildewed grief. Here, there is space and nothing will fill it.

Some days, I dream no one is watching. I dream I am small, standing beneath the rim of a greying sky. My supine body is a willow leaf carried in the quivering wind. All I wanted to be

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The State of Oregon is providing funds for Holiday Farm wildfire recovery and all are welcome to join the conversation. A committee of individuals, organizations, and agencies are meeting regularly to make recommendations. The next meeting is October 7 from 1-4 PM 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://lancountyor.gov/PIER to learn more, sign up for project updates, register for the meeting zoom link, and access meeting materials.

Meeting Timeframe: 1 PM to 4 PM

Location: In-person at McKenzie River Community School District Office, 51187 Blue River Drive, Fern Rock, Oregon 97488 and online: visit https://lancountyor.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.

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**FAMOUS SCIENTISTS**

**ACROSS**
1. Dylan lyric, “There was music in the ______ at night and revolution in the air”  
21. “Marine biologist and ‘Silent Spring’ author”  
23. L.A. ballet  
24. Not on a rolling stone?  
25. Value added reseller  
26. Crosswise, on a deck  
27. Build temporarily (2 words)  
31. Type of rich soil  
32. Most populous country  
33. Burn with water  
34. “Synchronous with unit of frequency and a car rental company”  
35. Black tropical cuckoos  
36. Floor plank  
37. Type of love poetry  
38. “The ______ makers of ‘Pitch Perfect’”  
39. “A unit of electric current named in whose honor?”  
40. T ungsten filament  
41. Type of soil  
42. Muse of love poetry  
43. ‘Silent Spring’ author  
44. Jab on field of play  
45. Hair and______  
46. A ride up ski hill  
47. Short for Milton  
48. “A unit of electric current named in whose honor?”  
49. #53 Across, sing.  
50. Home to Zion National Park  
51. Vacuum cleaner, in U.K.  
52. Bloom of a flower  
53. Moray, pl.  
54. One little piggy  
55. A telescope was named in his honor  
56. Acronym for ‘Pass’  
57. A ride up ski hill  
58. A unit of electric current named in whose honor?  
59. Ancient Semitic deity  
60. A unit of electric current named in whose honor?  
61. Black tropical cuckoos  
62. Guitar forerunner  
63. Is it really more?  
64. *Carl Benz invented the first practical modern one in the 1880s  

**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. Fact or fiction?  
8. Popular 70s genre  
9. Witnesses  
10. Hawaiian tuber  
11. Similar  
12. Kind of bourbon  
13. T urning token taker  
14. Make believe  
15. Rings of flowers  
16. Make believe  
17. Public promotions  
18. TV’s “______ Blinders”  
19. Widow’s peak  
20. Out of whack  
21. “Similar to what the Wild Things Are”  
22. Make believe  
23. L.A. baller  
24. Not a full size bus  
25. For rent  
26. Ring of flowers  
27. Public promotions  
28. Make believe  
29. “A unit of electric potential named in whose honor?”  
30. High-roller  
31. Rocking stone  
32. Make believe  
33. Apologies  
34. Jack of diamonds  
35. For rent  
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Connie Richardson explained details of the new building that will allow for a lot more elbow room - both inside and out.

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

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