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Sheriff's Report

Investigation showed the menacing report by the vehicle's occupants was unfounded and they had been trespassing.

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Welcoming Spring

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This Week



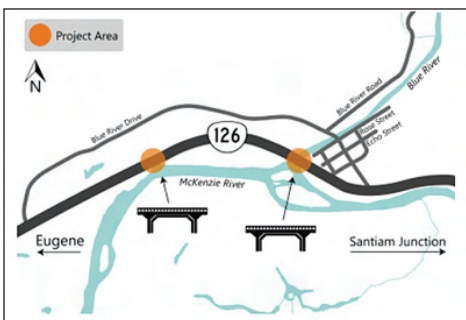
Briefs...



Emergency response coordination professionals were honored last week for keeping the nation's communities safe and secure. Oregon Governor Tina Kotek proclaimed April 14 - 20 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the state and encouraged all Oregonians to join in the observance.

Oregon has 43 standalone 911 centers known as Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) that serve as the first and single point of contact for people seeking immediate relief during an emergency. Nearly 800 dedicated telecommunicators across the state answer at least 2 million emergency calls annually for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services. These 911 professionals respond to emergency calls,

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Crews from HP Civil should be starting next week on a \$2 million project to repair the Blue River & Fish Hole bridges. Their first task will be setting up both bridges for single-lane use for a project expected to be completed in just under five months.

ODOT says they have a robust work zone safety budget with more of a law enforcement presence around work areas this year.

People can expect single-lane closures, with flaggers helping direct traffic, construction noise, and delays. Pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will have access through or around work zones. During con-

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Oregon youths were front and center at a rally at the White House this week in observance of Earth Day. They were part of a court case known as Juliana v. United States that has been going on for nearly a decade. They demanded President Biden let their case go to trial.

Demonstrators from several generations came to support the 21 youth plaintiffs of Juliana v. United States, who allege federal

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McKenzie Springers on the rebound

OSU study shows improved fitness for first-generation wild-born Chinook

Researchers who created "family trees" for nearly 10,000 fish found that first-generation, wild-born descendants of hatchery-origin Chinook salmon in an Oregon river show improved fitness.

The finding, based on data collected over 13 years, is encouraging for Chinook salmon recovery efforts, said Kathleen O'Malley, an associate professor at Oregon State University and the study's senior author. In this study, fitness is measured by the number of adult offspring a fish produces, with higher fitness leading to more offspring.

"Previous studies have shown that hatchery-origin Chinook salmon have lower reproductive success relative to their natural-origin counterparts when they spawn in the wild, but this study looks beyond that," said O'Malley, who directs the State Fisheries Genomics Lab.

"While our work doesn't contradict the earlier findings, we found that the first-generation descendants of these hatchery-origin Chinook salmon produced more offspring than hatchery-origin salmon spawning alongside them in the river, meaning that reproductive success may improve in the wild



as quickly as it declines in the hatchery."

The results were just published in the journal *Evolutionary Applications*. The paper's lead author is David Dayan, who was

a faculty research assistant in O'Malley's lab and now works for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Hot Springs sword swinger arrested

Suspect who eluded K9 trackers was cornered in a Port-A-Potty



A port-a-potty turned out to not be the best hideout.

RAINBOW: Police caught up with a fugitive on Monday, arresting 33-year-old Andrew Dimmick of Crawfordsville on charges of Reckless Endangering, Eluding Police, and warrants for Kidnapping and a Felon Possession of a Firearm. According to police, Lane County Sheriff's Office deputies and Oregon State Police troopers were called to Terwilliger Hot Springs around 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, after receiving a caller reporting a subject was huffing from a nitrous oxide tank, swinging a double-handed sword, and making threats.

The man had left before the arrival of authorities but was then observed driving back toward the hot springs. A deputy got behind the white Kia Sportage and caught up to it on a gravel road off FS Road 19. Despite several commands, the male subject refused to exit the vehicle and the chase resumed when the vehicle sped away before coming to a stop when a spur road was blocked by fallen trees.

After several hours of searching in difficult terrain with a Sheriff's Office K9, two Eugene Police dogs, and a drone, police were unable to locate Dimmick.

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Open to all



Bicyclists were among some of the people who stopped by the Walthville Grange's Open House on Sunday. While there they were able to learn more about a variety of community groups and organizations ranging from McKenzie Fire & Rescue to Mobile Meals.

How radios can help out

New GMRS radio group forming

LEABURG: About 40 people showed up on a sunny Saturday to learn how to better cope with area disasters like ice storms. According to McKenzie Fire & Rescue Battalion Chief Dana



Dana Burwell spoke about lightening the load on first responders.

LEABURG: About 40 people showed up on a sunny Saturday to learn how to better cope with area disasters like ice storms. According to McKenzie Fire & Rescue Battalion Chief Dana Burwell, the last ice event generated about 40 calls to the district in 24 hours. "We can't organize with staff during an emergency because they're going to be out or helping on emergencies," Buwell said.

Deputy Chief Bart Thompson
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Letters to the Editor

Support McKenzie Fire & Rescue levy

Carol's and my families have lived on the McKenzie River since 1954. We believe McKenzie Fire & Rescue is a major benefit to our community.

Next week each home will receive a 20-356 Operation Levy Fact Sheet in the mail. We encourage you to read these one-and-a-half pages.

It briefly discusses all the benefits of supporting the upcoming Levy in the May 21, 2024 Election.

Voter support enables McKenzie Fire & Rescue to maintain current staffing levels, response-

ready apparatus, and equipment, continue Student Fire Fighter Programs, and allows for grant matches for equipment, apparatus, and facilities. That combines to lower the overall costs to the citizens in the district.

In short, your approval of Measure 20-356 will support McKenzie Fire & Rescue to continue maintaining its exemplary standard.

Again, Carol and I encourage you to read the fact sheet and vote yes for your family and friend's well-being.

John and Carol Sullivan
Vida



McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Track and Field teams travel to Creswell on Wednesday, April 24, to participate in the MVC meet. Field events will begin at 3:00 pm and track events will start at 4:00 pm.

The Eagle teams travel to Legends Field, at Harrisburg High School, on Friday, April 26, to participate in the Harrisburg Twilight Meet. Field events start at 3:00 pm and track events begin at 4:00 pm.

Eagles Run With Big Dogs In Redmond

The McKenzie Track teams slipped over the Pass to Redmond last Wednesday, April 17, with the opportunity to compete in the McKenzie "Culver" Mountain View at Redmond track meet. The Eagles, an OSAA Class 1A school,

eagerly responded to the invite from Redmond with the chance to tangle with Class 2A Culver and Class 5A teams from Mountain View (Bend) and Redmond. The Eagles competed well, earning several personal and season records, while placing fourth in both the Girls and the Boys team scores.

Mountain View won the Boys team competition with a score of 152.5 points and also took home top honors in the Girls competition with a final score of 110.5 points. Redmond finished second in both, scoring 43 points in the Boys team race and 58 points in the Girls. Culver finished third in the Boys with 33 points and third in the Girls with 33.5 points earned. The Eagles, finished the Boys competition with 6.5 points and the McKenzie Girls team earned 14 points.

Short Jumps Long In The Triple For Second, Dion Runs Fourth In 1500 At Redmond

Eagle junior Beckah Short leaped 23 ft. 0 in. in the triple jump event at the McKenzie "Culver" Mountain View meet held at Redmond High School. Short's mark earned her a second place. Teammate Grace Weiss jumped third place 21 ft. 9 in., a Personal

Record for the sophomore. Paiten Clevenger followed in fourth with a 20 ft. 6 in. effort and Sapena Mitchell-Chavez placed fifth at 18 ft. 4 in. Siri Parker from Mountain View won the triple jump with a 30 ft. 9 in. jump.

McKenzie sophomore Myra Dion took home a fourth place finish in the 1500 m. race, running the distance in 6 minutes 42.70 seconds. Redmond's Jaiden Nickel finished first in 5:22.10 min. Dion ran the 800 m. race in 3:15.84 min., which placed her in eighth place. Eden Anspach of Redmond won the 800 m. in 2:33.61 min.

In the javelin, Dion tied for tenth with a 61 ft. 8 in. throw. Freshman teammate Lila Boydston followed in fourteenth with a throw of 42 ft. 1 in. and Eagle senior Riley Morales was fifteenth with a 38 ft. 11 in. stick. Mountain View's Katelyn Mawdsley won the event with a Personal Record toss of 104 ft. 4 in.

Weiss finished eighteenth in the long jump with a mark of 11 ft. 0 in. Clevenger followed her in nineteenth at 10 ft. 10 in., a Personal Record, Short at twentieth with a 10 ft. 9.25 in jump, and Mitchell-Chavez at twenty-second with a

8 ft. 7 in. effort. Renee Johnson, out of Culver, won the long jump with a Personal Record 15 ft. 7.25 in mark.

McKenzie's Rachel Karch placed eighth in the shot put. The Eagle freshman threw the shot 22 ft. 7 in. Boydston threw the implement 19 ft. 5 in, good for thirteenth, and Morales came in fifteenth at 16 ft. 2 in. Mountain View's Lidia Jacobsen with a Personal Record 36 ft. 6.5 in won the shot put event.

Karch took ninth place in the

discus with a Personal Record effort of 51 ft. 3 in. mark. Boydston followed in tenth at 34 ft. 11 in. Redmond's Peyton Stewart won the discus with a 85 ft. 11 in. throw.

McKenzie freshman Liliana Jones was timed at 15.33 seconds in the 100 m. race. Short placed thirty-second, timed at 17.14 sec., Mitchell-Chavez was thirty-third at 17.32 sec. (Personal Record), and Clevenger was thirty-fourth in 17.72 sec. Caitlyn Altman

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dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance during intense personal crises and community-wide disasters.

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struction, traffic will be controlled by temporary signals while crews remove and replace concrete and upgrade guardrails between Milepost 40.18 and 40.7.

Earth Day

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actions causing climate change violate their constitutional rights

to life, liberty, and property. The nine-year-old case is currently before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Last month, 30 members of Congress filed a "friend of the court" brief calling for the case to move forward.

During the rally, Isaac Vergun of Beaverton, Ore., was one of several plaintiffs who wore a symbolic gag. "We keep fighting because this case represents not just our voices as plaintiffs but the collective cry of an entire generation demanding accountability on climate change," Vergun said. He joined the suit as a plaintiff in 2015 at age 13. The day of the rally was his 22nd birthday.

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Guest Opinion

Candidates: What would you do on finance limits?

By Randy Stapilus

They said it couldn't be done, They said it couldn't be done, but Oregon will finally more closely resemble most other states in how it regulates campaign finance. Thanks to a bill passed during the just-wrapped legislative session, contributions to state candidates will no longer be able to stretch to infinity.

House Bill 4024, which Gov. Tina Kotek signed, takes effect in 2027. That is cause for celebration.

But Oregonians should keep their expectations in line and take personal responsibility for tracking campaign funding - data available online - for holding can-

didates accountable for what they receive and what they do with that money.

Policymakers should start focusing on steps Oregon can take to actively move the state toward the top ranks among finance regulators.

The weakness of Oregon's current campaign finance rules was underscored by a Feb. 15 contribution of \$2 million by Nike co-founder - and Oregon's wealthiest person - Phil Knight to the Bring Balance to Salem PAC, which aims to elect Republicans. The contribution was only the latest million-dollar donation from the billionaire, less than a third of the total he has given to the Balance group atop major contributions in the 2022 governor's race.

And yet even those amounts are

swamped by the biggest political contribution Oregon has ever seen, which also is relatively recent. That was the \$11.4 million donation in 2022 to a political action committee backing the District 6 U.S. House campaign of Carrick Flynn, who ran unsuccessfully in the Democratic primary. That PAC was backed by the recently sentenced cryptocurrency fraudster Sam Bankman-Fried and stands as the largest in Oregon state history, though it might not have retained that record forever if Oregon had not approved new limits.

Oregon can take some relief from the idea most of these mass donations went to campaigns that failed, which might not have been the case forever. At the same time, these mega contributions all have been legal under Oregon law.

House Bill 4024 sets limits for individual contributions to can-

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Friday 4/26		Saturday 4/27		Sunday 4/28	
McKenzie Valley Light Rain 80% chance precip High: 55 Low: 45	Santiam Pass Rain/Snow 90% chance precip High: 39 Low: 30	McKenzie Valley Showers 60% Chance precip High: 57 Low: 43	Santiam Pass Snow/Rain 60% chance precip High: 42 Low: 30	McKenzie Valley Showers 50% chance precip High: 58 Low: 42	Santiam Pass Rain/Snow Shwrs 60% chance precip High: 45 Low: 29

WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM

READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE

Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
4/16	42	54	0	1,018 cfs	4/16	57	41	0	5,010 cfs
4/17	36	63	0	NA	4/17	57	32	0	4,850 cfs
4/18	38	70	0	1,030 cfs	5/18	64	36	0	4,680 cfs
4/19	40	73	0	1,050 cfs	4/19	73	40	0	4,410 cfs
4/20	42	72	72	1,036 cfs	4/20	73	40	0	4,360 cfs
4/21	38	65	0	NA	4/21	71	35	0	4,290 cfs
4/22	38	75	0	1,020 cfs	4/22	66	34	0	4,240 cfs

Sheriff's Report

April 8: 11:56 a.m: Reckless Endangering - Marcola Rd. & Wendling Rd. A vehicle was observed driving erratically. a deputy conducted a traffic stop and subsequent sobriety check.

12:02 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 90300 blk, Thomson Ln. Reopened from prior cads at this location.

4:49p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 50900 blk, McK. Hwy. Deputies conducted a welfare check on an individual who was in mental crisis.

April 12: 6:59 p.m: Suspicious Subject - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd. A male was seen sleeping on the side of the road. Deputies conducted a welfare check.

April 13: 12:00 p.m: Fraud - 36200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. The victim paid \$500 to a scammer claiming she needed to pay to release a large sum of money.

12:00 p.m: Fraud - 88900 blk, Ross Ln. A tenant allegedly stole money and a vehicle from the caller.

April 14: 6:41 p.m: Harassment - 38600 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd.

April 15: 11:01 a.m: Fraud - 88900 blk, Ross Ln. Follow up attempt on a prior case.

11:01 a.m: Fraud - 36200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Follow up on prior call.

12:42 p.m: Assault - 8900 blk, Thurston Rd. Deputies responded to a physical dispute with injury in the 8900 block of Thurston Road. Deputies responded and after investigating, arrested Shawna Marie Clarke, 23, on charges of Assault 4 APA and lodged her at the Lane County Jail.

6:04 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Milepost 4. A Suspicious vehicle was parked at the scales with all doors, hood, and trunk open. It was gone when deputies arrived.

April 16: 1:43 a.m: Shots Fired - 90700 blk, hill Rd.

12:01 p.m: Civil Standby - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

5:33 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 56300 blk, McK. Hwy.

April 17: 2:45 p.m: Harassment - 90600 blk, Sunderman Rd. Citizen self-report regarding ongoing harassment by a neighbor.

3:37 p.m: Civil Service - 91900 blk, Marcola Rd.

3:48 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:56 p.m: Theft of Identity - 41900 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

6:10 p.m: Disorderly Subject - 45500 blk, Vida Park Ln. Deputies responded to a disorderly subject at McKenzie River School. The incident was resolved without arrest.

6:39 p.m: Menacing - 91100 blk, Donna Rd. A resident noticed a suspicious vehicle parked in their driveway for an extended time in the area Marcola Road and Sunderman Road. When contacted, the individuals were slumped over in the car. The vehicle left before deputies arrived in the area, but was spotted in Springfield. The occupants of the car then called in and reported they had been menaced with firearms, but investigation showed the menacing report by the vehicle's occupants was unfounded and they had been trespassing.

6:59 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Marcola Rd. & Sunderman Rd.

9:07 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle -

39500 blk, McK. Hwy.
April 18: 12:17 a.m: Suspicious Subject - 49900 blk, McK. Hwy. A male was observed on the caller's porch in the middle of the night. He left when confronted by the homeowner.

9:34 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 45200 blk, Goodpasture Rd.

3:23 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Sunderman Rd. & Keller Ln. Records check of a vehicle by a deputy.

3:56 p.m: Traffic Hazard - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.

April 19: 8:33 a.m: Disorderly Subject - 44700 blk, Leaburg Dam Rd. A male was asked to move his motorhome as it was blocking the roadway. He became belligerent, and deputies responded. He left after law enforcement was called but before they arrived.

9:34 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 45200 blk, Goodpasture Rd. Occupant of a suspicious vehicle was contacted by deputies.

2:26 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 53.

3:16 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 45.

3:28 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

4:04 p.m: Welfare Check - Thurston Rd. & McK. Hwy.

5:05 p.m: Citizen Contact - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

6:05 p.m: Welfare Check - **Continued On Page 9**

State Police Report

April 20: 10:31: Agency Assist - USFS Road 19. OSP was requested to assist Lane County Sheriff's Office with a disorderly subject at Terwilliger Hot Springs. Dispatch advised the subject was huffing from a nitrous oxide tank, swinging a Katana around, and making threats. Upon arrival the subject had left approximately 30 minutes and the reporting person provided a description of the subject as well as the vehicle he left in. As officers were leaving the area, the vehicle was spotted returning to the location. The LCSO deputy got behind it and caught up to it on a gravel road off FS Rd. 19. The subject would not exit the vehicle after multiple commands. It was learned at this time there was an active Felony warrant for the subject driving the vehicle. After failed attempts to get the driver out, the vehicle sped away and a pursuit ensued. The vehicle pursuit ended because there was a large tree across the roadway. The driver fled on foot and after an extensive K9 track, he was unable to be located. Involved white Kia Sportage, Andre Hamilton Dimmick, 33-years-old.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

April 15: 13:08: 8944 Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Disregarded On Scene.
April 16: 12:39: 88771 McK. Acres Dr. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
April 17: 13:40: 42840 McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.
April 18: 0:43: McK. Hwy./Thompson Ln. Motor Vehicle Accident. Nothing Found On Arrival.
18:36: 36603 Camp Creek Rd. Fire Alarm. False Alarm.
April 19: 19:32: McK. Hwy./Milepost 14. Smoke Scare. Controlled Burn.

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

April 16: 18:03: Medical - 54000 block, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.
The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 20th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.



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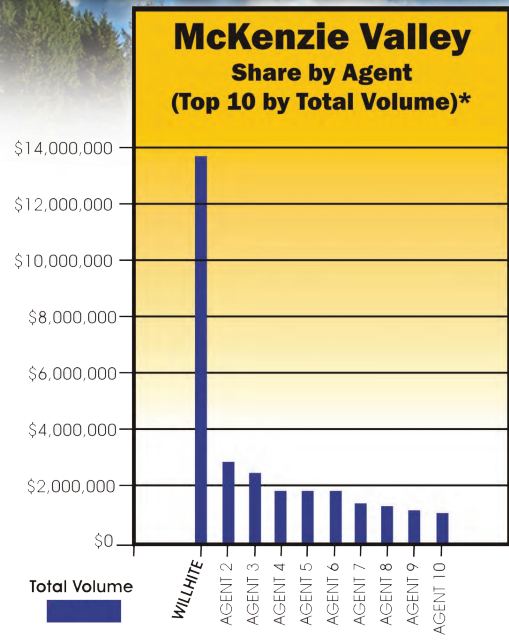
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By Slim Randles

Ran into Doc down at The Mule Barn the other day, so naturally we had to rid the world of about a gallon of coffee and solve the world's problems for an hour. It is the duty of all true Americans of our age, you know.

Doc said he'd been aching a little bit lately. Joints or something. He'd been out fixing the pasture fence where the mare had been pushing on it. The next morning it made him walk funny.

"I remember when my dad was my age," he said. "I asked him how it felt to be this old. Well, he looked at me as though I were committing a crime by having brown hair, you know? And then he said, 'To be this old? Well, I guess it beats the alternative.'"

The truth is, the morning coffee drinkers of our area aren't really old, not inside. We hurt a bit more the next day when we do things, that's all. And having to walk funny for an hour or so is a small price to pay for our experience.

Being experienced sounds better.

"The other day," Doc said, "I was down to the feed store, and the kid there took one look at me and carried those heavy sacks out to the truck for me. It was embarrassing, and she shouldn't have done it."

Tired of aging? Let's do something about it that will make others laugh. <https://www.scientificamerican.com/video/decoded-aging>

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Governor's kindness led frontier city marshal to die in gunfight

By Finn J.D. John

As every sensible person knows, there is pretty much no such thing as being "cruel to be kind."

Sometimes it does work the other way around, though. Every now and then you run across a story in which someone did something that was intended as a kindness, but turned out to be anything but.

Such a case happened in the office of Oregon Governor Oswald West, sometime in 1912. It had to do with a little shooting scrape that Z.H. Stroud, an acquaintance of West's, had gotten into in the little frontier town of Harney City, where he was the town marshal.

Reading between the lines of the story, it's clear that the governor's well-intentioned intervention was probably the worst thing that could have happened to Marshal Stroud, and precipitated the closest thing Oregon history has to Arizona's famous O.K. Corral gunfight. Which, as I'm sure you've gathered, the lawman lost.

Harney City today is one of Eastern Oregon's most-gone ghost towns. You have to know just what you're looking for to find any trace of it. It was located a dozen or so miles out of Burns, just off Highway 20 on Rattlesnake Road. Although it was once the county seat of Harney County, it's been a ghost town since the 1930s, when the last of the high-desert homesteaders (the early-1910s cohort that included "Klondike Kate" Rockwell) gave up and moved away.

But in 1910, when Os West first came to town, it was a thriving community of about 100 souls, with a couple sawmills, a stockyard full of sheep, a Presbyterian church, a general store, and a saloon.

West was on a campaign tour at the time. He was the Democratic Party's candidate for Oregon governor, and he was roaming the state trying to talk as many voters as possible into supporting him.

West surely wasn't the only Western-state governor to have made a speech in a soon-to-be ghost town; but he probably was the only one to have made a full-blown stump speech in a town that tiny.



Harney County Public Library
Members of the Sagebrush Symphony Orchestra pose with family and friends in Harney City — including, most likely, all the residents of Harney City and their automobiles — following a performance on the Fourth of July about 1915. That was the year the group toured Eastern Oregon for the Redpath Chautauqua. The Sagebrush Symphony Orchestra, based in Burns, was the project of violinist Mary Dodge, who later helped found what became the Portland Youth Philharmonic.

The other unusual thing about the speech was, before making it, Os West — a hard-core temperance man who would be signing a Prohibition ordinance into effect shortly after taking office — basically rang the bell in the local saloon, and bought the whole house a round of drinks.

Here's how it happened:

West was stumping his way around Central and Eastern Oregon — where, he joked, "voters were few and charitable" (West famously hated making speeches, and considered himself very bad at it.)

Riding out of Burns on Highway 20, on his way to Vale for another campaign event that night, he found himself passing within a few miles of Harney City. Since he was there, and had a little time to spare, he thought he might as well stop in for a quick stump speech.

So upon arrival there, he headed straight for the general store and talked to its proprietor, Fred Haines, asking him how he might arrange it.

Haines was a staunch Republican, but graciously refrained from throwing this young Democrat off the premises. He told West that town meetings were usually held in the church.

Prompted for more information, he allowed as how the town marshal was the man to talk to about making such an arrangement.

Prompted again — Haines was clearly not bending over backwards to be helpful here — he told West that he would find the town marshal across the street in the saloon, which he owned.

Probably secretly gritting his teeth, West thanked him and headed for the door.

"Crossing the street to the saloon, I found sitting at card tables, or standing about the room, about 40 sheep herders and packers," West wrote, many years later, in his reminiscences. "The marshal was officiating behind the bar."

Evidently it was a fairly large saloon! One hopes there were swinging doors, but given the climate in the high desert in wintertime, probably not.

In any case, the bartender-marshal introduced himself as Z.H. Stroud. Bartender-marshal Stroud was much more helpful than storekeeper Haines had been — maybe he wasn't a Republican. He told the future governor that he would be happy to open the church up for him, and even offered to help him pack it with voters by shutting down his bar

for the duration of the speech.

"Although a pronounced Prohibitionist," West recalls sheepishly, "I didn't have the crust to ask such a favor without setting up drinks for the crowd."

Following the pleasant little task of pouring more than three dozen drinks and collecting payment for them from West, the bartender bellowed, "All of you get the hell out of here. I'm going to lock up. We are all going down to hear West here make a speech."

Stroud then trotted across the street, opened the church, and vigorously rang the steeple bell, bringing the non-daydrinking population of Harney City on the run to see what was happening.

Soon nearly the whole town was there. No pressure, right?

"After delivering a lousy speech, I headed for Vale," West recalls.

A year or two later, West was in the governor's office in Salem. He had, of course, won the election, and things were going well so far. The Oregon beach highway law, which he had campaigned on, had passed. An alcohol-prohibition law, which he had most definitely NOT campaigned on but had had high hopes for, was almost in the bag.

And that's when the Harney County Sheriff stopped by to let the governor know he was bringing an old friend to Salem — to the Oregon State Penitentiary.

West learned that in the year or two after he'd made that fateful speech in Harney City, two brothers named Frank and James Buckland had opened another saloon in town to compete with Marshal Stroud's establishment, and Marshal Stroud had not taken this well. This town, it seemed, was not big enough for two saloons.

"(The sheriff) informed me that my Harney town marshal-saloonkeeper had engaged in a shooting match" with the Buckland brothers, West recalls, "and he had wined one of them."

"Well," I said, "when you bring him down drop in here on your way to the Pen' — and so he did," the governor continued. "I had a pardon prepared for my Harney

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MCKENZIE VALLEY CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DINNER

Thursday May 23, 5:30pm-7:45pm

Walterville Community Center (39259 Camp Creek Rd.)

EWEB Commissioners and Staff invite our McKenzie Valley customers to join us for dinner and conversations about "Improving communications with the community." Seated around dinner tables together, we will discuss protecting the McKenzie River, working together through emergencies, and navigating the changes to come with the closure of the Leaburg Hydroelectric Project.

An Open House for individual account questions and program updates will take place before and after dinner.

Please RSVP to Adam Spencer at adam.spencer@eweb.org or by calling 541-685-7539 by May 7 so we know how many meals to provide. All are welcome to attend.

Gardening Tips



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Practical Lawn Establishment and Renovation



Lynn Ketchum

By Tom Cook
Planting a new lawn or renovating an old one can be very frustrating experience if you've never done it before. The key to avoiding frustration is to understand the process well enough to be able to make the right decision. This publication will take you through the steps needed to successfully plant a new lawn or renovate an old one. If you follow these steps, you will get it right the first time!

Seasonal timing

In general, the best time to plant a lawn from seed is when temperatures are favorable for rapid seed germination and grass growth. In the northern part of the United States, grass seed germination is optimum when the air temperature is between 60 and 85F. Try to time your planting so there will be 6 to 8 weeks of good growing weather after seeding.

With that in mind, the period from mid August to mid-September is almost perfect. Days are warm, nights are getting cooler, sunlight is plentiful, and day length is declining. Lawns planted during this period germinate and grow rapidly. You generally can expect to see green grass in a week, followed by the

first mowing about 3 weeks after planting. By mid-October, the lawn is dense, and the soil has firmed up, so the possibility of severe rutting or footprinting is reduced.

Late-fall planting are prone to rapid encroachment by wild grasses and broadleaf weeds. If your goal is to produce a dense, clean, pure grass turf, don't take chances on late-fall plantings. If you have no other choice, see "Tips for Beating the Calendar" for some tricks that can improve your chances of success.

There are other times when successful seeding can be done. In many parts of Oregon, the period from early May to approximately mid-June is a pretty good time to plant. Earlier plantings germinate and develop slowly, so there rarely is any advantage to planting early.

Planting later in summer causes many problems. With longer days and high temperatures, it is difficult to keep new plantings wet enough to ensure uniform germination. If you water too much, you might encourage warm-weather disease such as pythium. Once seed germinates, temperatures often are above the range for healthy root growth. The result is grass

that requires constant attention all summer. Summer seedings on imported soil often suffer from excess competition from warm-season summer annual grasses, such as barnyardgrass, that arrive as seeds with the soil.

If you really must plant in summer or late fall, see the box at the left for some tips to enhance your chances for success.

What is you decide to plant sod? Sod has the same optimum planting times as seed, but because the grass is mature and has part of its root system, you can get away from planting over a much broader time period. Provided you have a well-prepared sod bed, sod can be planted anytime from about mid-March through mid-November in western Oregon. It can be planted year-round on the coast, and from about April through October in much of central and eastern Oregon, provided irrigation water is available.

- * Planting lawns in summer
- * Don't, if you can avoid it!
- * Plant seed treated with a fungicide to prevent damping-off.
- * Use the lowest seed rate in the optimum range.
- * Use a light-colored mulch at a low rate or no mulch at all.
- * Water very carefully to avoid drought and saturation.
- * Water fertilizer in to avoid burning grass.
- * Be patient and wait for fall for better growing weather.
- * Hope for a cool summer!

Soil preparation

Most people think their soil is terrible. In their minds, it is either too heavy (clay) or too light (sandy). In western Oregon, most people assume their soil is too acid and infertile to grow healthy turf. East of the mountains, people believe their soil is too sandy or too alkaline to grow good turf. Many people assume they must amend

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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



ENJOY CULINARY MEMORABILIA

Salt shakers, mixing bowls, egg beaters, refrigerator dishes, rolling pins, spice tins, and juicers may seem rather ordinary kitchen items. However, it's usually not a monetary value that's important (although this could be there), but the memories they evoke.

Sometimes you'll come across these items in an antique shop, auction, or a book on collectibles. Or you may be cleaning out a home when you or a parent must move to a smaller abode. Immediately they'll bring back memories of family occasions... dining, cooking, gift giving... which can be humorous, nostalgic, or bittersweet.

Green Jadite

When I came across a green Jadite salt shaker my mom had saved, I recalled this set we'd used throughout my childhood. These were round, about five inches high with an metal screw top. Raised ridges decorate the lower half of each shaker. The glass was an opaque milky green.

We used them every day and didn't value them as we did the gold colored ones my grandparents received as a 50th Wedding Anniversary gift. Those were kept for "company."

However, when I saw the Jadite shaker it brought back memories of meals around the farmhouse kitchen table. I wondered where to find a matching pepper shaker

and discovered one in an antique shop. Then I became curious to learn more about these items and found they probably were made by the Jeannette Glass Company.

I also discovered there were many other Jadite items for kitchen use...other shapes of shakers, canisters, juicers, butter dishes, refrigerator dishes, mixing bowls, match holders, and pitchers. The same designs were made in other colors. While attractive, they don't evoke the memories the Jadite does.

Memories Among the Recipes

CHICKEN DIVAN is a dish my family enjoys. Cook 2 small or one large package broccoli spears until just tender. Either cook 4 whole chicken breasts or use the equivalent of leftover cooked chicken cut into pieces. Lay broccoli in a 9 x 13-inch baking dish. Lay chicken over broccoli.

Mix together 1 can cream of mushroom soup, 1 can cream of chicken soup, 1/4 cup grated cheddar cheese, 1/2 cup sour cream, 1 small can mushroom pieces. Pour over chicken and broccoli. Bake at 350 degrees F. about 45 minutes, until heated through and bubbly. (For lower calorie meal, use low fat soups, cheese, and sour cream.)

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(Mary Emma Allen, who grew up on a farm, often writes about nostalgic and Inspirational topics.)



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April 30, 5:00pm-7:30pm

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Learn how native plants save time and money, protect water quality and enhance fish and wildlife habitat. The "right plant" in the "right place" fights invasive species, reduces chemical use, and creates defensible space.

Participants will receive a Fire Resilient Landscaping Guide. **RSVP requested by April 26th: contact Nancy: 541-685-7438 nancy.toth@web.org**

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Community Notes

April 26 Main Street

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce invites people to attend a listening session from 3 to 4:30 p.m. to share ideas about how to shape the future of the McKenzie River regional economy. The visioning process at the Vida McKenzie Community Center, 90377 Thomson Lane, is seen as a tool to support communities' long-term health and sustainability all along the Valley. This process will be inclusive, community-driven, and asset-based, building on what the region is already doing well. Results will support the region in finding synergies and opportunities to work toward a shared vision and goals and in accessing resources for those goals more quickly. The primary outcome of this effort will be establishing a Regional Main Street leadership structure. Contact info@McKenzieChamber.com

April 26 "SOUND ADVICE"

Stop in at the Vida Community Center from 4:45 to 5:45p.m. to learn how to use the Center's Hearing Loop to access live music and speech with your hearing device or cochlear implant. Bring friends and family. Refreshments. 90377 Thomson Lane, Vida. Questions? 541-896-3001.

April 27 Boat Festival

The McKenzie River Wooden Boat Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Lodge, 49198 McKenzie Hwy. For those planning to bring a boat to the show please arrive at the Eagle Rock Lodge early enough (9 a.m.) so your boat can get a courtesy tow from the parking area to the riverfront grounds. People interested in joining an informal flotilla to Eagle Rock

should plan to launch from the Forest Glen Landing at 9 (Finn Rock is currently closed for construction). Plan to arrive at Eagle Rock Lodge around 10:30. Boats can be pulled from the river and parked on the grounds to display and picked up or launched to float downstream for takeout one-half mile downstream at the Silver Creek Landing. Please pre-arrange your shuttles. There is no pre-registration or fee for viewing or showing boats. <https://oregonsboat.org/festival>. 541-285-3676

April 27 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.

April 30 Board of Commissioners

Lane County Board of Commissioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene, The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

April 30 Family Story Time

There will be some special FUN at Camp Creek Church from 10 to 11 a.m. for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship! At the Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd.

April 30 Naturescaping

Come learn how to use native plants to save time, money, and energy on your yard while protecting water quality and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat. Learn how planting the 'right

plant' in the 'right place' helps to control invasive species, reduce chemical use, create defensible space, incorporate fire-resilient landscaping, and more!

It will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at McKenzie Fire's Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy. Light refreshments will be provided, and participants will receive Fire Resilient Landscaping Guides.

Pure Water Partners will host the event, with featured speakers from the McKenzie Watershed Council, Eugene Water & Electric Board, the Upper Willamette Stewardship Network, and OSU Extension.

RSVPs are requested by April 26th to provide adequate training materials. Note: The workshop may be canceled if there are not enough participants.

To RSVP, contact Nancy at 541-685-7438 or email nancy.toth@eweb.org.

May 1 Watershed Wednesday

Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning to help care for this special area where the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers meet. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/tree establishment.

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May 1 Cornhole League

The Upper McKenzie Cornhole League meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 54745 McKenzie River Dr. Join in for some free Cornhole fun at the Upper McKenzie Community Center. Bag tossings are held on

the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Bring some snacks to share.

May 1 BR Water Board

The Blue River Water Board will meet from 6 to 7:15 p.m. in the administration building on the McKenzie Schools campus. A link to the virtual meeting is available at: blueriverwaterdistrict.com

May 1 BR Park Board

The Blue River Park Board will meet from 7:15 to 8 p.m. in the administration building on the McKenzie Schools campus. A link to the virtual meeting is available at: blueriverpark.com

May 3 - 5 Skills College

This is a free opportunity for potential volunteers to learn how to maintain trails in the forest. It's also a place for experienced volunteers to pick up new skills. Classes are taught by professionals and expert volunteers. It will be held at Camp White Branch, 61500 McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge. To register for this annual event go to: app.betterimpact.com/Application?OrganizationGuid=72388b2c-d3d3-48b5-9adc-2d706e2a91ef&ApplicationFormNumber=3

May 3 Play Festival

Walterville Grange will be hosting the annual play festival on Friday, May 3, starting at 7 PM. There will be three 1-act plays presented by Dorena/Row River Grange, Goldson Grange, and Walterville Grange. Walterville's play will be a comedy called "The Organ Recital." The plays will be held at the Walterville Community Grange Hall located at 39259 Camp Creek Road in Walterville. There will be delicious refreshments served after the plays. We will be collecting canned food items for the upriver food bank. There is no charge, but donations are gratefully appreciated. Come out for some great fun and visit

with your friends and neighbors.

May 4 BR Cleanup Day

People are invited to the Blue River Cleanup Day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event, includes free hot dogs provided by Locals Helping Locals. Some tools will be provided; bring rakes, shovels, gloves, etc., if you have them.

May 4 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.

May 4 & 5 Guild Art Sale

Members of the McKenzie Artists' Guild will celebrate their 31st anniversary at their annual Art Show & Sale. 13 artists will display their works at the Leaburg Fire Training and Education Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg: Kris Anderson, Janet Biles, Kathryn Cannon, Cindy Cartledge, Whitney Crane, Sandy Dunbar, Joe Frank, Ali Hennes, Joyce Hubbard, Marjorie Lewellen, Lucy Rudy, Joanne Simmons Walch & Susan Warner.

Visitors will be treated to coffee, tea and homemade cookies while viewing the works of art. The works of art included watercolor, oil, jewelry, Photography, quilling, painted glass, woodwork, ceramics, yard art, Stenciling/embroidery, and art cards.

Spring 2024 Master Gardeners

The OSU Extension Service Lane County Master Gardeners have announced their public Pruning class schedule for 2024. Lane County Master Gardeners are offering public pruning classes in the winter and spring of 2024. Class participants will learn about pruning tools and equipment, tool care, as well as techniques to prune specific types of trees and ornamentals. Master Gardeners are eager to share their knowledge and experience with participants and want their class experience to be interactive, fun, and educational. Pre-Registration is required. For a full list of classes, details, locations, and pre-registration information visit our events page: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/county/lane/events> For more information, please contact the OSU Extension Service - Lane County office, 996 Jefferson Street, Eugene (enter on 10th at the wheelchair ramp) 541-344-5859 or at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane>

Notice of Budget Committee Meeting

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the **McKenzie School District**, Lane County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 will be held at the McKenzie High School Cafeteria. The meeting will take place on **May 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** The purpose of the meeting is the presentation of the proposed 2024-25 budget.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected on or after May 13, 2024 at the district office at 51187 Blue River Dr. Finn Rock, OR, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or view the document on the McKenzie School District website. Additional meetings, if needed, are scheduled on May 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and May 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

Nathaniel Tompkins
Nathaniel Tompkins, Superintendent

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

The Long Way



Bruce Mars

I wrote you about four years ago when my eight-year marriage was ending in divorce. At that time you gave me some great advice about beginning again. After reading the recent letter from Linda and how she “settled” for the wrong man, I felt I had to write an update letter.

I can look back now and realize in too many ways, I “settled” in my first marriage. I reaped the results eight years later with a broken heart. After that marriage ended, I chose to live my life to the fullest, to take every opportunity to enjoy life and my friendships, and within reason, to never settle in anything.

I wanted children, a family with which to grow old together, and the white picket fence. But I couldn’t focus on what I didn’t have. I could only focus on what I

did have, which was a lot of time and some great friends. Sure some women came and went during that time (mostly went), but I never settled.

Amazingly, I did meet a fantastic woman who is in every way my other half, as I am for her. We’ve been married now for a little over a year and are happier now than when we were courting. We can’t imagine life without the other now.

My point is not that I met my other half, but instead, I want to mention the positive outlook on life and love we both originally had. Being the right person for the other would not have helped either of us if my wife and I had a ‘wrong’ attitude when we met. We would have simply walked right past the other.

Having the right attitude towards life, we ended up being like a huge magnet attracting steel. Anyway, thanks for the great advice, and continue the great work! I never miss a week.

Scott

Scott, sometimes we get things right only after we have made a mistake. Sometimes we get things right when someone shows us the way. And sometimes we need a wake-up call to get things right.

In the book “Life Lessons” David Kessler wrote about Caroline, a woman with “the most genuine smile you will ever see.” Not only was she happy, but to him, she seemed to be one of those people who live a charmed life. When he told Caroline he thought she was lucky in love, she told him her story.

When she was in her early 40s, Caroline found a lump in her breast that doctors called suspicious. She waited three agonizing days to learn if cancer was spreading throughout her body. It wasn’t. The lump was benign.

But Caroline resolved not to let those three days mean nothing. She had been single and desperately lonely. When she went to a party or event, she would quickly scan the room for Mr. Right. If he wasn’t there, she’d go somewhere else searching for him, and always she went home more desperate than before.

Caroline decided to change her approach to life. Even if Mr. Right wasn’t around her, other

people were. She would talk with them and enjoy them, no matter what. At the end of each day, she no longer felt lonely for she truly talked and smiled and laughed with others. The more she did this the more wonderful people she met and the closer she grew to her friends. She stopped being a desperately searching person.

She didn’t meet Mr. Right the first year. Or the second. She met him four years later, and two years after that, they married. Being “lucky in love” has a lot to do with being ourselves and being fully engaged in life.

David Kessler wrote, “In our hearts we know we are destined to live fully, to love fully, and to have great adventures in life.” Our task is figuring out how to do it.

Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are the authors of Cheating in a Nutshell and The Young Woman’s Guide to Older Men—available from Amazon, iTunes, and booksellers everywhere.

Ligature 4

By Forrest Gander

The bioluminescent undersides of squid render them invisible to predators

below. That the radiance of the boy’s anger might protect him.

Walking the dog and stepping on a patch of repaired road, I remember the soft spot in his head.

You’re deaf as a beagle. No, you are.

Can I feel the tide’s drag on the turning earth increase each day’s duration?

A hair in my nostril has gone white.

In absolute night, from my bed, I hear him aiming for the toilet’s center.

The sound deepens, voice finding its register.

Scientists call it an entangled system.

We survive Christmas, his face pressed to the smooshed bosom of his

grandmother in a house so immaculate, the spider in the seam of the

ceiling stands out obscenely.

Like a star at the outskirts of the galaxy, and slung around by the gravity of

dark matter. For now, he goes where we go, but he does not belong to us.

I begin to begin my sentences

leaning toward him, taking a deep breath.

He relinquishes the conversation with a contraction of his pupils.

What is for one of us the throb of the immediate is, for the other, the

imminent mundane.

When napalm hits my brain, he takes on the tranquillity of a blinking

newt.

She finds a photograph of him at seven. The sheer expressed of his face. As

among Michelangelo’s early drawings, there is a copy of Masaccio’s lost

Sagra, the consecration.

We search our memories of him for a certain unity of characteristics that

would hold through the permutations he now submits to us.

When it clings to the wire-and-rug surrogate, lab technicians shock it

again. Instead of releasing, it clings tighter.

Throwing himself into the back seat after wrestling practice, mat burns on

his cheek and forehead.

His muteness an onomatopoeia of the rising moon.

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Born in California’s Mojave Desert, poet Forrest Gander grew up in Virginia and attended the College of William & Mary, where he majored in geology. After earning an MA in literature from San Francisco State University, Gander moved to Mexico, then to Arkansas, where his poetry— informed by his knowledge of geology—turned its attention to landscape as foreground or source of action.

Gander has won the Whiting Writers’ Award, a Howard Foundation Award, the Jessica Nobel Maxwell Memorial Prize, two Gertrude Stein Awards for innovative North American writing, and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Guggenheim Foundation, and United States Artists. He has taught at Harvard University and Brown University.

With Wright, Gander coedited the literary small press Lost Roads Publishers for 20 years. He now lives in northern California.

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- 64. Vernacular
- 65. R&R hot spot
- 67. Capital of Vietnam
- 68. Yours is as good as mine?
- 69. Tennis retry
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- 71. Bookie's quote
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 - 8. Muhammad's birthplace
 - 9. Melissa Rivers' mom
 - 10. Australian slang for afternoon
 - 11. Widely hunted ruminant
 - 12. Follow ems
 - 15. A particular legume
 - 20. Not pathos
 - 22. Second O in EVOO
 - 24. Kinda white
 - 25. *Mrs. _____, a.k.a. Marmee
 - 26. Anoint
 - 27. Red Sea peninsula
 - 29. Drive a getaway car, e.g.
 - 31. Goals
 - 32. Like a Harvard building?
 - 33. Plant-based laxative
 - 34. * _____ Bunker, mom to Gloria in "All in the Family"
 - 36. Dance partner
 - 38. Drive-_____, for short
 - 42. Like a haunted house
 - 45. Daisy dukes, e.g.
 - 49. _____ chi
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- 6. Escape or flee
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- 15. Actress Sophia _____
- 16. Each and all
- 17. Lake, in France
- 18. Roof overhangs
- 19. *Lovable mother of seven in "Harry Potter" Mrs. _____

- 21. *Mother in "The Terminator," Sarah _____
- 23. Not safe, in baseball
- 24. "Hold on!"
- 25. Uno _____, in Mexico
- 28. Iranian monarch
- 30. Be a go-between
- 35. Kind of cuckoos
- 37. Passing mention
- 39. Dwelled
- 40. TV show "_____ 911!"
- 41. **"Beloved" mother
- 43. Like a tennis skirt
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Events from Apr 25th

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
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April 27 - When John William French was a young man he changed his name to Peter and began working for Dr. Glenn on his large California ranch. In 1772 Dr. Glenn sent Pete to Southeastern Oregon to scout the country for a cattle operation. The two men entered a partnership that took control of a vast domain, measuring 17,000 square miles, around the Donner and Blitzen rivers. Pete operated this ranch by feudal power and tried to hold it against an advancing wave of homesteaders. The day after Christmas 1873, Pete French was shot and killed by a homesteader. Much of the land was taken over by the federal government and was incorporated into the Malheur Migratory Bird Refuge.

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

April 21, Willamette Falls
Spring Chinook - 846
Summer Steelhead - 1,889

Quote of the Week

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Andy Rooney

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Emergency? Call 911

Gardening Tips

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their soil with organic matter or haul in new soil to provide a good root zone. It almost sounds like an impossible situation!

Although bringing in topsoil is one solution, it is not always necessary. Most native soils in Oregon have adequate fertility and pH to support turf without doing anything special. A good goal is to use the existing soil whenever possible. See the recommendations for specific regions in the box below.

Recommendations that tell you to apply lime before planting are making assumptions that are not necessarily correct. It is a safe recommendation simply because lime at the rates normally used won't hurt (or help) anything.

Should you have a soil test done before you plant? A soil test is a good idea, but few people bother. Among other things, it takes time to get the soil test report, and then you must interpret it. It probably is wiser to spend your money in fertilizer, unless you have reason to suspect your soil is deficient in one or more elements or has a low pH.

There is more reason for concern with imported soils or when topsoil has been stripped from the site, leaving only subsoil and excavation spoils. Purchased "topsoil" might be real topsoil, river silt, clean fill from a deep pit, or someone's idea of sandy loam. It also could be a synthesized soil made up of sand, organic matter, and soil. Most likely it is clean fill, river silt, or synthetic soil.

Clean fill usually is quite sandy and is easy to spread and grade even in rainy weather. Soil taken from deep pits might not have adequate fertility and can have a higher or lower pH than soil closer to the original surface. On the plus side, it might be relatively free of weed seed. Since it is hard to generalize about purchased soils, the only way to really know their fertility level is to have a soil test done.

If the construction process has left you with subsoil and excavation spoils, there is no way to know the soil's fertility status. Either get a soil test or bring in new soil.

If you really can't work with existing soils, bring in new soil that is as close as possible in texture to the original soil. This

allows for continuity in water movement and rooting once the soil is in place. If you bring in sandy soil, place it over the existing soil as a layer rather than tilling it into the existing soil. A layer of sandy soil should be at least 6 inches deep, after compaction, to provide an adequate root zone. Do not till sand into clay soils in an effort to loosen up the soil or improve drainage. Research shows that adding sand reduces soil porosity and increases susceptibility to compaction until the sand content reaches approximately 80 percent by volume. Practically speaking, that means you are better off layering sandy soil on top.

Tilling organic matter into existing soil is a common recommendation. Thoroughly composted organic matter can reduce bulk density of clay soils and increase water- and nutrient-holding capacity of sandy soils. In general, you can expect a short-term improvement in tilth. Some composted materials have significant fertilizer value and will increase soil fertility for several months after incorporation.

In gardens, you can add organic matter annually to maintain the light, fluffy qualities associated with good garden soil. Organic matter added to turf soils probably is less valuable because you can add it only once. After turf is planted, the added organic matter begins to decompose further, and surface soil compaction begins. Two years after planting, it might be difficult to tell that any organic matter was added. Thus, at best, adding organic matter to turf soils has only temporary benefits.

Fresh or noncomposted organic matter can be undesirable. It generally breaks down rapidly and in the process ties up much of the soil nitrogen that otherwise would be available for the grass. Tilling in fresh sawdust or wood chips generally results in weak, yellow grass.

Another problem with adding organic matter to soil is that if the quantity is greater than 15 percent by volume you might see considerable settlings once the organic matter decomposes. This will leave you with an uneven, bumpy lawn. Lawns where organic matter has been incorporated prior to planting also are often plagued with mushrooms.

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Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.
7:19 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - McK. Hwy. Mp.19.

8:26 p.m: Dog Barking - 92200 blk, Marcola Rd.

April 20: 9:26 a.m: Animal Complaint - 37900 blk, Maranatha Ln.

9:59 a.m: Animal Complaint - 88600 blk, Ermi Bee Rd.

10:25 a.m: Menacing - Terwilliger Hot springs. assist, follow up - Blue River area.

2:28 p.m: Information - 88900 blk, Easy Ln.

6:04 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 45.

9:05 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 15.

April 21: 1:16 a.m: Welfare Check - 55100 blk, McK. River Dr.

12:54 p.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 92700 blk, Regal Ln.

1:09 p.m: Alarm - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

2:32 p.m: Assault - 37800 blk, Shenandoah Lp. Deputies responded to a physical dispute. The involved did not want to press charges.

5:44 p.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Sunderman Rd.

7:22 p.m: Theft - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

10:12 p.m: Location of Wanted Subject - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

April 22: 2:03 p.m: Civil Service - 39000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd.

2:21 p.m: Fraud - 88900 blk, Ross Ln.

3:44 p.m: Criminal Mischief - 94300 blk, Johnson Rd.

3:48 p.m: Fraud - 51600 blk, Blue River Dr.

4:45 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

7:03 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

9:02 p.m: Civil Service - 40000 blk, McK. Hwy.

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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April 20: 10:50: 90639 Lure Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

April 21: 0:37: 41680 Madrone St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

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Governor's kindness

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Oswald West stands with longtime Oregon suffragist Abigail Scott Duniway (center) and Dr. Viola M. Coe (left) on November 1912 at the signing ceremony for the first Equal Suffrage Act.

friend and, as I handed it to him, I said: 'Brother, go thy way, and shoot no more.'

Unfortunately, that was not the end of the story. And you can probably guess why. Stroud had tried to kill a man — he was clearly embroiled in a hot feud with his business rivals. Going to prison for a year or two might have saved his life — it would have given the

rivals some time to cool off, and also a sense of justice served (or retribution satisfied, depending on how you look at it). Moreover, he probably would have had to sell his saloon, so that there would have been nothing left to fight over.

Instead, he was sent trotting triumphantly back to town with a pardon in his hand, ready to take

things up where he'd left off.

The end came in September of 1912, when a big OK Corral-style shootout took place outside the post office in Harney City. The details are sketchy, and vary depending on the source — but here's my best shot at picking the truth out from among the chaos of duelling newspaper stories about it:

Four men — rival saloon co-owner James Buckland and his friends Burbank Clay, G.H. Matheny, and Otto Lowell — waited for Marshal Stroud to go to the post office, and took up positions around it as he arrived and went inside. Once Stroud was inside the post office, Clay and Buckland stepped into the street, got their Colts out, and fired a couple of shots — evidently at various targets like street signs and such, as rowdy cowboys used to do in the days of the Wild West. Meanwhile their two comrades lurked out of sight, guns ready.

The goal, according to Matheny's later testimony, was to bait Stroud into coming out of the post office and getting into a gunfight with them, at which point he would be essentially ambushed and gunned down in "self defense" as their other two friends, Matheny and Lowell, would step in.

And, well, that's basically how it went down. Stroud stepped out of the post office and shouted at the men to "cut it out," and told them to consider themselves under arrest, and that's when the

lead started to fly. No one at the scene seemed to know who fired the first shot, but most likely it was Clay because he's who Stroud was shooting at.

Witnesses said a total of about 25 shots were fired, including the fatal shot, which came from a Winchester .30-30 rifle fired by Matheny from a prepared firing position inside the Buckland boys' saloon. Stroud did manage to hit Clay once before he went down, but it was a flesh wound. Other than that shot, and the fatal rifle round, none of the bullets hit their targets.

Stroud, shot through both lungs with a deer-rifle slug, staggered back into the post office and collapsed dead on the floor.

The four killers were promptly put on trial, of course, along with a fifth defendant — Frank Buckland, brother of James and co-owner of the rival saloon. (Frank Buckland was not involved with the shootout directly, but apparently he was being charged with conspiring to bring it on. Most likely, he's the one Stroud "winged" in the earlier incident.)

The town of Harney City seems to have been fairly evenly split between the marshal's friends, and the Buckland brothers' friends, and that split was reflected in the jury. Half the jurors were dead set on acquittal, and half wanted the men to hang.

In the end they compromised. Burbank Clay and Jim Buckland were found guilty of manslaughter; Frank Buckland was found innocent; Matheny gave state's evidence and was not charged; and after that authorities lost interest in prosecuting Lowell, who had demanded a separate trial.

So it seems the Buckland brothers, the upstart saloonkeepers who had feuded with City Marshal Stroud, ended up "winning."

But then again, by the time Jim Buckland finished his sentence, the saloons they were all fighting over would be shut down by Oregon's Prohibition law. And not many years after that, the entire town would be left to the jackrabbits.

(Sources: "Reminiscences and Anecdotes," an article by Oswald West published in the December 1949 issue of Oregon Historical Quarterly; Harney County and Its Range Land, a book by George Francis Brimlow published by Binford & Mort in 1951; archives of the Burns Times-Herald, Malheur Enterprise, and Portland Oregon Journal, 1912-1913)

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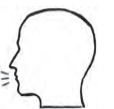
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McKenzie Springers

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Spring Chinook salmon in the Upper Willamette River are listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act. The McKenzie River, a tributary to the Upper Willamette River, has historically supported one of the largest populations of spring Chinook salmon, and today supports a large portion of the natural-origin spring Chinook salmon in the Upper Willamette Basin.

Cougar Dam on the South Fork McKenzie River blocks about 40 kilometers of historical spawning habitat within the McKenzie sub-basin. At the base of the dam, an adult fish collection facility, constructed in 2010, allowed fisheries managers to collect and reintroduce returning adult Chinook salmon above the dam.

Researchers collected tiny fin samples from salmon arriving at the collection facility over the years and used them to determine parent and offspring relationships and quantify their numbers.

"Essentially, we created family trees for each fish, similar to how you would trace your ancestry using a DNA service," O'Malley said. "We were able to create a pedigree for nearly 10,000 fish in this system."

They found that first-generation, wild-born descendants of two hatchery-origin fish produced significantly more adult offspring than hatchery-origin salmon that spawned alongside them in the river. These first-generation descendants produced similar num-

bers of offspring to natural-origin fish.

"Attempts to recover or reintroduce a population using wild salmon are often limited by the lack of a healthy nearby donor population," O'Malley said.

The findings offer hope that naturally spawning Chinook salmon populations can be established from hatchery-origin salmon and that reestablished populations may experience generational increases in fitness as they spawn naturally in the wild.

The researchers' study design did not allow them to determine what led to the increase in fitness between the first-generation, wild-born salmon and the hatchery-origin salmon.

"We don't know if it's genetic, if it's the environment, or if the two interact," O'Malley said.

Concerns remain over the risk hatchery-origin salmon pose to the genetic integrity and productivity of natural populations. Continued interbreeding between hatchery-origin and natural-origin salmon could contribute to a decline in overall fitness for the natural-origin fish unless the level of interbreeding is carefully managed, she said.

The study's authors also cau-

tioned that their conclusions may not apply to other river systems that have reduced natural production or historical transfers of non-local origin salmon stock; the conclusions also may not apply to other species, such as steelhead. In addition, practices specific to the McKenzie River hatchery may have maintained adaptive genetic diversity and the capacity for increased fitness among the wild-born descendants of hatchery-origin salmon.

Nonetheless, the study's findings offer encouraging news for the use of hatchery salmon in support of conservation and recovery efforts, O'Malley said.

O'Malley, Dayan, and coauthor Cristin Fitzpatrick are all affiliated with OSU's Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station, which is part of the College of Agricultural Sciences and based at Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport.

Additional co-authors include Nicholas Sard of the State University of New York – Oswego; Marc Johnson, formerly of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and now with the National Marine Fisheries Service; and Ryan Couverture of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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Andre Hamilton Dimmick

Police continued to look for him without success over the weekend. That changed on Monday morning when a man matching Dimmick's description entered the Blue Sky Market in Rainbow around 6:30 a.m. made a purchase and asked about bus service.

Alerted by a call from a customer, deputies, and troopers responded to the scene within a half hour. They located the suspect in a port-a-potty in the parking lot, took him into custody, and transported him to the Lane County Jail in Eugene.

agreed, noting that at times the call volume can get so high that the district will ask the dispatch center to start logging calls "if they're not an emergency."

He was supportive of the idea of neighborhood groups organizing to connect via radios, because "that's going to help us by not calling 911."

Walter Wilson, of the non-profit McKenzie Community Communications (MCC) group was also there to give an overview of what people could expect if they bought a General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) radio. The organization, he said, had formed to improve area connectivity after disasters because landlines and cell phones proved to be very vulnerable.

"We want to build a GMRS network," he said. "We don't want to control it but we'll support you."

The plan, Wilson said, was to



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of Mountain View, who broke the finish line tape in a Personal Record 13.27 sec, won the 100 m. race.

McKenzie Soph Hayden Harbick Triple Jumps A Second Place Mark

Eagle sophomore Hayden Harbick landed a second place mark in the triple jump event over at the McKenzie "Culver" Mountain View meet, held in Redmond. Harbick's leap was measured at 29 ft. 0 in. Mountain View's Gage Miller won with a Personal Record mark of 39 ft. 2 in. Harbick also placed seventeenth in the long jump at 14 ft. 8 in., which followed teammate Rhys Hamlow, who took home sixth place with a Personal Record jump measured at 17 ft. 6 in. Jordan Best of Mountain View, who set a Personal Record 20 ft. 3.5 in mark, won eagle teammate Auden Vailes finished twenty-first at 13 ft. 7.25 in. and the long jump.

Hamlow cleared 8 ft. 6 in. in the pole vault event, a tied-fifth place finish, which was won by Rex Cordell of Mountain View, who cleared 12 ft. 6 in.

McKenzie sophomore Allen Acevedo also took home a fifth place finish, in the 400 m. race, setting a Personal Record 58.56 second time. Jacob Lewis of

Radios can help out

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More than three dozen people showed up to learn about emergency radios last Saturday.

help organize small community groups equipped with handheld radios, similar to a system now operating in the Blue River and McKenzie Bridge area.

Burwell said the McKenzie Fire District could also "help organize and steer the district." Those plans will include installing a more powerful base station radio at the Leaburg station.

"We'd like to see each

neighborhood form a small group," he said, "with a radius of one to two miles."

Each neighborhood could elect a chairman, Burwell said, to organize weekly or monthly radio checks to test equipment and familiarize people with their equipment.

Following the Meeting, Scott Dano of Leaburg set up an online group to begin organizing in that

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Mountain View won the race in 55.29 sec.

Another Eagle fifth place finish came in the 1500 m. race, this one by Will Meister, who ran the distance in 5:08.71 min. The 1500 m. was won by Kevin Mattox of Mountain View in 4:56.10 min. Meister's Personal Record, sixth place tied-time of 2:25.12 min., set a new Personal Record for the Eagle sophomore.

The McKenzie 4x100 relay team, consisting of Allen Acevedo, Harbick, Vailes, and William Valtinson, placed fifth with a time of 47.70 sec., behind the winning team from Mountain View, who posted a 44.30 second time. Senior Levi Lockard threw the discus 97 ft. 5.5 in. and placed eighth. Mountain View's Will Lannen, who had a 126 ft. 3 in. effort, won the event.

Eagle sophomore Jacob Peek finished twelfth at 80 ft. 1 in. and freshman Noah Borden established a Personal Record mark of 68 ft. 4 in., a twenty-first finish. Lockard's ninth placed mark of 36 ft. 2.5 in. in the shot put was followed by Peek in fifteenth at 31 ft. 4.5 in. and Borden with another nineteenth Personal Record mark of 29 ft. 7.5 in. Redmond's Brian Hubbard

with a 44 ft. 7 in. toss won the shot put event.

Lockard took seventh in the javelin throw with a good stick at 115 ft. 8 in. Peek's Personal Record toss of 92 ft. 8 in., placed him in nineteenth and Borden's Personal Record throw of 68 ft. 6 in., placed him in twentieth. Nathan Howell of Mountain View won the javelin with a Personal Record throw of 142 ft. 2 in.

Eagle senior Salomon Acevedo finished tenth in the 200 m. race, running the sprint in a Personal Record time of 24.64 sec. Valtinson followed in twenty-fifth place at 28.77 seconds and Vailes finished twenty-seventh in a Personal Record time of 29.93 seconds. Culver's Trent Reese won the 200 m. race in 22.97 sec.

Salomon Acevedo also ran to a thirteenth place finish in the 100 m. race. Acevedo's time was 12.12 sec. Reese from Culver was a double winner, taking first in this sprint with a time of 11.21 second. Eagle teammates Adam Fetterhoff took nineteenth in a time of 12.59 sec., Hamlow was thirtieth in 13.11 sec., Harbick thirty-sixth in 13.51 sec., Vailes forty-first in 14.14 sec (Personal Record), and Valtinson forty-third in 14.58 sec.

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didates at \$3,300 in a single election, with the primary and general considered separately, and \$5,000 during a two-year cycle to political committees. Committee spending on candidates would be limited as well, among other provisions regulating finance and reporting.

This law, however, still only lifts Oregon from the low ranks of the states to lower-middle in the area of campaign finance.

Most states have campaign donation limits lower than the Oregon law. Colorado's limit is \$625 for statewide candidates and \$200 for legislative, for example. Many states – Arizona, Connecticut, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Wisconsin among them – simply prohibit corporate and union contributions.

Oregon's new limits for contributions by political committees to candidates also is higher than in many states. Some limit those donations to no more than those of a person's contribution.

Donations Contributions from individuals outside the U.S. are limited or banned in 23 states, (and from foreign corporations as well in about half of those), but not in Oregon. A 2018 ballot issue in North Dakota passed by voters there banned foreign contributions, and California, Illinois, Alaska, and other states and localities have passed campaign finance restrictions from out-of-country sources. A modest proposed restriction in Oregon died in the 2023 legislative session.

Portland's experience with public financing of city candidate campaigns left people with mixed reactions, but several states have been experimenting with the approach in certain specialized areas, especially in judicial races (in – New Mexico and West Virginia

–) where any campaign donations can be problematic. A dozen other states allow state funding for governor and legislative races.

Oregon's financial experience with the world of cryptocurrency should raise a red flag in that area, and many state legislatures have begun to address it. None ban crypto contributions entirely, but 14 states regulate it in some way. Washington and Colorado, for instance, limit crypto donations contributions to no more than \$100, while Montana and Georgia require those contributions to be converted immediately into dollars to comply with amount limits. Oregon could use some guidelines in this area.

Campaign finance is an ever-evolving system, often evolving in reaction to how it is regulated. The federal law changes half a century ago in the wake of Watergate was intended to solve the corruption problem, but they led to new workarounds and evasions, with the creation (of super-PACs, for one example). Solutions, however well thought out, won't last forever.

A good question for legislative candidates this year would be: A voter question for Oregon legislative candidates this year: What will you do to improve, and tighten, Oregon's campaign finance law in the next couple of sessions, now that the door has been kicked open. was kicked open in 2024?

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Partners receive \$3.4 million to address truck driver shortage

The Oregon Workforce Partnership is celebrating a significant milestone in addressing the critical shortage of truck drivers with the allocation of a \$3.4 million grant from the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Good Jobs Challenge.

Under the initiative named Driving Prosperity, led by Southwestern Oregon Workforce Investment Board in collaboration with Lane Workforce Partnership and Rogue Workforce Partnership, over 325 individuals will have successfully obtained their Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs). This initiative has significantly improved the longterm employment outlook for Oregonians by offering free Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training. As a result, these trained drivers have secured lucrative positions, effectively mitigating the state's shortage of truck drivers.

The \$3.4 million was a portion of The American Rescue Plan's EDA Good Jobs Challenge, which distributed \$500 million in grants to 32 worker-centered, industry-led workforce training partnerships. These grants aimed to accelerate economic recovery, broaden opportunity and facilitate innovative approaches to localized industry-led, workercentered training programs.

"Here in Tyree, for instance, 10 percent of our workforce by this June will be represented through the Good Jobs grant. That's pretty significant from a CDL driving perspective," said Billy Dover, Director of Operations Lubricant for Tyree Oil.

"In the wake of the pandemic, there was such a shift in how we received our goods and services. We had such turmoil in the workforce in every capacity," said Georgia Conrad, Executive Director of Oregon Workforce Partnership. "Finding that footing again, this year, was part of that solution. These Southern counties really stepped up to make this happen for the state, and it's been really



Amanda Larson

successful."

Without funding from The American Rescue Plan EDA Good Jobs Challenge, participants would see high out-of-pocket costs to obtain their CDL license.

"Four to eight weeks of schooling and the cost to attend the schooling is about \$5,000, in addition to the living costs that people have to pay for while they're undergoing training," said Conrad.

"It's pretty amazing to be a five-foot-tall woman hauling 80,000 pounds to a work site," said Amanda Larson, who earned her CDL through the program. I feel extremely confident since getting my CDL because I did something I never thought was possible,

and then I ended up coming out on top."

"About two years ago, I came to Oregon to find some more opportunity," said Joe of Chuck Bracelin Trucking. "I found the program, and I found this job. In one month, I make about as much as I would in a year at my previous jobs. It's on another level."

Driving Prosperity participants can enter the trucking industry in just four weeks, gaining access to competitive wages, comprehensive benefits including paid sick and vacation leave, 401K retirement plans, and medical, dental, and vision coverage.

"Through the Good Jobs Challenge and with the partnership between Oregon Workforce Partnership, it just gives us an opportunity to really elevate that work," said Ashley Espinoza, Executive Director of Lane Workforce Partnership. "It gives employers a chance to understand what the common needs are now for the emerging workforce and understand better recruitment and retention practices across the industry. It really

does create that access to those jobs. And so, they do see a more skilled workforce coming to them and feeling like they are supported in bringing people that maybe wouldn't see themselves in this career, really acclimate themselves and find a place of belonging."

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