

## McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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### McKenzie Sports

The Eagle teams return home to co-host the McKenzie HS track meet, held at Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track, on Thursday, April 20.

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### Seeds vs. starts

Though both have their pros and cons, they are both valuable in gardens for their unique qualities.

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## A time for thanks

Upper McKenzie firefighters earn top awards



Firefighter of the Year: Jose Ramirez Solano



2023 Rookie of the Year: Taylor Wickizer.



The Chief's Award went to Dirk Rogers.

MCKENZIE BRIDGE: The work volunteers do isn't apparent in the short posts that appear in the published weekly logs. Behind the many responses to fire, medical emergencies, or vehicular accidents though, are people who find the extra time to improve the lives of others.

During a recognition ceremony last Saturday night, Upper McKenzie Rural Fire District Chief Rainbow Plews took the opportunity to tell a bit about the backstories of the people who show up



Jess Boykin earned this year's EMS Award.

when responding to calls for help. Among them was Officer of the Year Jason Wickizer, Brent Caulley who responded to the most calls, and Norm Michaels for his grant writing skills that have brought hundreds of thousands of extra dollars to the department.

"Outstanding, dedicated to drills and training, and willing to learn" were among the words she used. But the most import, she noted was that they "were people you can count on and trust."

## Another look at "Sparks City"

Plot plans from 1911 part of Blue River's recovery



The Sparks Hotel was only one of a number of buildings put up by the Sparks family at the start of the Twentieth Century.

There's plenty of history associated with the town of Blue River, including its function as a collection station for the McKenzie Toll Road between Springfield and central Oregon from 1891 to 1895. Also playing a key role was the discovery of gold-bearing quartz ledges in the upper reaches of the Blue River drainage, and the boom when mining operations began in about 1890.

Often at the center of that early activity was the Sparks family that built a cabin and a two-story log house, a sawmill, a store, a hotel, and a livery stable while helping to establish the community. In its heydays - from the late 1800s until the 1920s - Blue River kept lively thanks to five saloons and a red-light district that catered to the

miners who came down from the hills.

By 1911, Samuel and his sons, Dexter and Felix, had surveyed and mapped out a new town tentatively to be called "Sparks City." But on July 7th of that year, Sparks died. His widow, Robenia Sparks signed and authorized the subdivision of the town a week after her husband's death. But his dream never materialized.

Those old plot maps, however, are getting dusted off again to help people trying to rebuild after losing structures in the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. Avery Land Surveying (ALS) of Eugene has been contracted by Lane County to prepare a boundary survey of properties that were included in the original plat of Blue River City and the

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## Candidates forum

Four seats on McKenzie School District ballot

The McKenzie Educational Association (the teacher's union) will be hosting a School Board Candidate Forum on Friday, April 28th, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the old gymnasium at McKenzie High School. Four seats on the McKenzie School Board are being contested in the upcoming election.

Danna Brownell and Taya Brock both filed for Position 1. Sarah Mackenzie and Kail Harbick are candidates for Position 2, while Max Metcalf and Alyssa Brownlee filed for Position 3. Rounding out the bal-

lot or seats on the school board are Jason Wickizer and Justin Barker. Positions 1, 3, and 5 are all four-year terms. Position 2 is a two-year unexpired post.

The forum will feature the eight registered school board candidates who will answer six predetermined questions. Organizers say their responses will provide

the candidate's positions regarding public education, school board member roles, funding, union values, general issues, instructional materials/programs, controversial issues, and community/parent involvement.

The event will be livestreamed so people can engage in the discussion.



## "Week of the boats"

Wood is the word for classic McKenzie River craft

A lot of careful measuring, sanding, and fitting of parts for iconic McKenzie River drift boats is set to wind up this week. The work, part of a boat-building class led by Jason Hayes of Hayes Custom Wooden Boats, has been quietly underway at the McKenzie River Discovery Center. Once again, the week-long class was fully booked and this year the student craftsmen

are expected to complete two traditional boats on Friday.

Fishing guides and wooden boat fans will gather also again on the opening day of the fishing season this Saturday. The annual McKenzie River Wooden Boat Festival will start at 10 a.m. on the grounds of the Eagle Rock Lodge in Nimrod. People who show up early will have an opportunity to watch a boat parade that had launched earlier from Finn Rock.

Other festival activities will include fly-fishing demonstrations, chances to talk with local river guides, and a great BBQ lunch served up by the McKenzie River Guides Association. The popular meal is a fundraiser for the free lifejacket program as well as boat landing maintenance and restoration.

That night, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. - Brad Dimock will be a featured presenter at the McKenzie River Discovery Center's Hatchery building at Leaburg Lake. Dimock, a Colorado River guide, river dory historian, dory builder, and teacher, is the owner-operator of Fretwater Boatworks in Flagstaff,

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Jayson Hayes is leading the hands-on class for boat builders.



## Guest Opinion

### Could 4/20 Day be influencing youth to use marijuana?

By Jody Boulay

Marijuana is legal in Oregon for medical and recreational use. 4/20 celebrations are large events promoting the industry and its products. Cannabis companies use this day to market and sell their products, similar to alcohol companies using The Super Bowl or St. Patrick's Day.

The recreational marijuana industry has grown significantly, and its marketing has evolved. 4/20 events like The Cannabis Cup are ideal opportunities to sell and market products. Celebrities, influencers, and businesses push their products and brands, reaching many different age groups.

In the digital age, it is hard to ignore the 4/20 influence on youth. Parents should have constructive conversations with their kids about marijuana and its associated risks.

"Age matters the first time someone uses marijuana. The teen brain is actively developing and continues to develop until age 25," said Marcel Gemme of Addicted.org.

In Oregon, roughly 11% of 12 to 17-year-olds report using drugs

in the last month. Among them, 94% reported using marijuana in the last month, according to the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics.

The short and frequent discussions that parents have with their kids about marijuana have a real tangible impact on their choices. Consider some of the following tips:

- Lots of little talks and speaking often is more effective than one big talk. This also helps to build trust and strong relationships.
- When speaking about marijuana, make your views and rules clear, but reinforce why they should avoid the drug.
- Avoid lecturing, using scare tactics, and threatening. Be a reliable source of factual information.
- Listen to their opinions about marijuana, and answer their questions; the conversation goes both ways.
- It's ok to disapprove of underage marijuana use, drinking, and illegal drug use. Send a clear and strong message.
- Always show genuine concern for their health, wellness, and success.
- Lead by example; actions speak louder than words.

These conversations go a long



way in preventing drug use altogether. Teens are also more likely to avoid drug and alcohol use when they have a strong, trusting relationship with their parents.

There are adverse effects associated with marijuana use at this age. THC has addictive properties that young developing brains are more susceptible to. Adverse effects can include difficulty thinking and problem-solving, prob-

lems with memory and learning, reduced coordination, difficulty maintaining attention, and issues with school and social life. It will also increase mental health and addiction risks.

4/20 celebrations are no longer counter-culture protests. It's a massive commercial showing of products, which is a result of legalization, which was inevitable. Parents should stay aware and

make a point of having constructive conversations with their kids about marijuana and all the risks.

Jody Boulay is a mother of two with a passion for helping others. She currently works as a Community Outreach Coordinator for Addicted.org to help spread awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

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**McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week**

The McKenzie Track and Field teams participate in the Cascade at Sweet Home track meet on Tuesday, April 18, to be held at Husky Stadium on the campus of Sweet Home High School. Field events begin at 4:00 pm and track events start at 4:30 pm.

The Eagle teams return home to co-host the McKenzie HS track meet, held at Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track, on Thursday, April 20. In that meet, field events begin at 3:00 pm and track events will start at 4:00 pm.

The McKenzie teams will travel to Mapleton on Tuesday, April 25, to participate in the Mapleton II meet. Field events will begin at 4:00 pm and track events will start at 4:30 pm.

**McKenzie Boys Finish Fourth At Mapleton Eagle Lockart Wins Shot and Discus**

The McKenzie Boys Track and Field team finished fourth last Tuesday, April 11, at the Mapleton I meet. The Eagles scored 66 points and were led by junior Levi Lockart, who won both the shot put and the discus events and the

Eagle athlete added a sixth place finish in the javelin.

Harrisburg crushed the competition with 171 points amassed, easily beating the rest of the field. Elkton earned 74 points for second and Crow eased past McKenzie with 68 points. Mohawk took home fifth with 62 points and were followed by Glendale in sixth with 54 points, Riddle at seventh with 43 points and host Mapleton, eighth with 32 points.

Lockart's winning throw in the discus, 92 ft. 9 in., was a season record. Teammate Cody Morales finished fifth with a 77 ft. 5 in. season record toss and freshman Jacob Peek established a personal record, ninth place throw, at 68 ft. 10.5 in. Lockart's first place shot put toss was measured at 36 ft. 11 in. Morales finished fifth in that event as well with a 28 ft. 6 in. throw and Peek finished ninth, establishing a second PR measured at 23 ft. 5 in.

The sixth place mark in the javelin, thrown by Lockart, was measured at 111 ft. 2 in. Eagle Trent Peek Van Sickle topped his teammate with a third place throw of 117 ft. 2 in. Morales threw the javelin 80 ft. 1 in., good for a season record and ninth place, Jovial Jordan finished twelfth at 72 ft. 8.5 in. and Peek followed with a PR thirteenth place mark at 71 ft. 6 in. Terren Crabb of Harrisburg who threw the implement 127 ft. 3 in won the javelin.

McKenzie's Allen Acevedo placed eighth in the long jump with a PR mark of 14 ft. 10 in.

Robert Brill of Riddle, who jumped a PR distance of 17 ft. 9 in, won the long jump. Peek Van Sickle took home seventh place in the triple jump, leaping 33 ft. 4 in. and that event's top finisher was Ryder Milam of Harrisburg, who won with a 36 ft. 10.25 in jump. Elkton's Tristan Zinda with a PR 5 ft. 2in cleared mark won the high jump.

McKenzie junior Salomon Acevedo earned the highest Eagle finish in the track events, taking fourth in the 100 m. with a personal record time of 11.99 sec. Peek Van Sickle finished right behind in fifth with his own PR 12.02 sec time and Allen Acevedo was a ninth place finisher timed at 13.58 sec. Harrisburg's Malachi Larson won the 100 m. in a PR time of 11.85 sec. Allen Acevedo finished the 200 m. in a tenth place time of 27.16 sec which was a PR. Eagle teammate Devin Lawson ran to a thirteenth place PR time of 30.81 sec. Crow athlete Foster Otley won the 200 m. race in another PR time of 24.84 sec. Salomon Acevedo posted a time of 1:01.69 min., which earned him fifth place in the 400 m. race, which was won by Brill of Riddle in a PR time of 55.58 sec. Glendale's Levi Cullett won the 800 m. race in a PR time of 2:22.85 min.

In the 1500 m. race, Eagle freshman Will Meister ran a PR time of 5:44.50 min., which earned him ninth place. Sean Hastings, out of Elkton finished first with a time of 4:34.12 min. Meister also earned the Eagle team a fifth place finish in the 3000 m., posting a PR

time of 12:20.95 min. Teammate Jordan followed in seventh place with his own PR time of 12:37.28 min. The 3000 m. race was also won by Elkton's Hastings with a time of 11:28.04 min. Curtis Tomadge, Harrisburg, won the 110 m. hurdles in 19.66 sec. And Gage Barba took home the top time in the 300 m. hurdles, timed at 48.41 sec.

The McKenzie quartet of Peek Van Sickle, Allen Acevedo, Salomon Acevedo, and Jordan ran 50.00 sec in the 4x100 m. relay and that was good for third place. The event was won by Harrisburg (Malachi Larson, Jordan Baker, Shawn Hall, and Jack Lidbeck) and their time was 47.99 sec. Harrisburg also won the 4x400 m. relay and that foursome of Larson, Ayden Stewart, Ryland Bickley,

and Moses Cain finished the race in a time of 4:03.53 min.

**Eagle Girls Seventh At Mapleton**

The Eagle trio of Bekah Short, Hailey Prater, and Taylor Wickizer earned 22.5 points at the Mapleton I meet last Tuesday, April 11. That was good for a seventh place finish in the meet, which was won by the Riddle girl's team, which earned 77.5 points. Elkton placed second in the team race with 57 points, edging out Harrisburg, which finished third with 52 points. Host Mapleton took fourth place at 35 points, followed by Crow with 27 pts. Mohawk with 24 pts., the Eagles, Glendale with 20 pts., and Mannahouse Academy (Eugene) in last place

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Friday 4/21

McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 60 Low: 41

Santiam Pass Snow Showers 50% chance precip High: 45 Low: 30

Saturday 4/22

McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 67 Low: 47

Santiam Pass Mostly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 52 Low: 34

Sunday 4/23

McKenzie Valley Showers 40% chance precip High: 58 Low: 47

Santiam Pass Showers 50% chance precip High: 47 Low: 32

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
4/11	41	39	0.40	NA	4/11	52	40	1.18	9,300 cfs
4/12	NA	NA	0.33	NA	4/12	50	35	0.17	8,040 cfs
4/13	52	39	0	1,480 cfs	4/13	49	33	0.16	7,000 cfs
4/14	56	35	0	1,330 cfs	4/14	56	34	0	6,290 cfs
4/15	59	32	0	1,387 cfs	4/15	62	35	0	5,810 cfs
4/16	45	38	0.68	1,330 cfs	4/16	58	40	0	5,710 cfs
4/17	42	36	0.24	1,375 cfs	4/17	50	37	0.73	5,790 cfs



# Sheriff's Report

**April 7: 7:46 a.m:** Assault - 38000 blk, Railroad Ln. A caller reported a physical dispute between he and his partner. No injuries reported.

**4:25 p.m:** Reckless Endangering - 91300 blk, Donna Rd. A caller found a possible bullet hole in their garage door window. No suspect info.

**April 8: 4:38 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Silver Creek Landing. A burned up Toyota Tacoma was discovered at a logging landing.

**April 10: 2:33 p.m:** Theft - 38900 blk, Marcola Rd. Approximately 400' of copper wire was reported to have been stolen from a local utility company.

**April 11: 1:36 a.m:** Burglary - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller believed someone may have been inside of the caller's house. The caller went to a neighbor's house while deputies checked inside. No signs of a break-in discovered.

**7:48 a.m:** Harassment - 92700 blk, Paschelke Rd. verbal Dispute between a caller and the caller's ex-wife. No crime articulated.

**9:45 a.m:** Water Patrol - McK. Hwy. & 2650 Rd.

**2:39 p.m:** Switched License Plates - Marcola Rd. & Whitmore St.

**5:07 p.m:** Dog at Large - Missy Ln. & Camp Creek Rd.

**April 12: 3:25 a.m:** Prowler - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**7:24 a.m:** Dead Animal - 92200 blk, Treston Ln.

**12:04 p.m:** Subpoena Service - 2000 blk, Marcola.

**3:55 p.m:** Burglary - 89200 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.

**5:20 p.m:** Civil Service - 54400 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:58 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - Vida area.

**7:31 p.m:** Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**April 13: 2:53 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**2:54 p.m:** Incomplete 911 Call - 38300 blk, Wendling Rd.

**3:00 p.m:** Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 90200 blk, Hill Rd.

**3:37 p.m:** Citizen Contact -

McK. Hwy. & N. Gate Creek Rd.

**4:16 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Angels Flight Rd.

**4:32 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Angels Flight Rd.

**5:12 p.m:** Foot Patrol - 38500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:23 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Murdoch St.

**5:46 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**6:33 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - McK. Hwy. & Lupe Ln.

**6:57 p.m:** Gunshot Wound - Sunderman Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**April 14: 2:10 p.m:** Burglary - 90800 blk, Hill Rd.

**2:20 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 45300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**6:21 p.m:** Assist Outside Agency - 42900 blk, McK. Hwy.

**6:34 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 45300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**April 15: 1:17 a.m:** Minor In Possession - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

**5:08 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - Lat: 44.179317. Long: -122.897423.

**6:22 p.m:** Suspicious Subject - 47900 blk, McK. Hwy.

**8:57 p.m:** Assist, Information - McK. Hwy. & Thurston Rd.

**9:18 p.m:** Assist Oregon State Police - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

**9:26 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

**April 16: 1:04 a.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Marcola Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd.

**11:24 a.m:** Assist, Follow Up - McK. Hwy. Milepost 40.

**12:10 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 58500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**April 17: 7:51 a.m:** Alarm - 42700 blk, McK. Hwy.

**2:07 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - Leaburg area.

**2:47 p.m:** Arrest - 6600 blk, Thurston Rd.

**6:37 p.m:** Criminal Mischief - 36300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

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

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**April 10: 8:05:** McK. Hwy./Page Ln. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury/Blocking.

**13:12:** 40000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**April 12: 6:01:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**17:11:** 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Mistaken Alarm. False Alarm.

**April 13: 18:58:** Marcola Rd./Sunderman Rd. Mutual. Cancelled By Mohawk Fire.

**April 14: 2:59:** 90000 blk, Sunderman Rd. Mutual Aid. Cancelled By Mohawk Fire PTA

**April 15: 8:28:** 39000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**10:54:** 40000 blk, Tonga Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**April 16: 4:42:** 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**19:54:** 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

## Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**April 4: 17:36:** Medical - 49000 block, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**April 12: 21:23:** Medical - 51000 block, Blue River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**April 14: 18:26:** Medical - 91000 blk, Dearborn Island Rd. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**April 15: 21:01:** Medical - 57000 blk, N. Bank Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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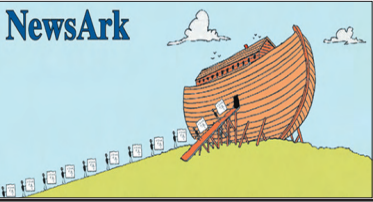
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# River Rats, Whirlpools and Trippers



From the Curtis Irish Collection  
Roller crews with peaveys kept log drives flowing in the late 1800's. This type of activity was later used to define the waterway as a navigable stream.

By the 1870s, log driving was becoming a common practice on the McKenzie but it was the 1890-1910 period that old timers recalled as THE DRIVES. Thousands and thousands of logs were floated down the channel to mills in Eugene and Springfield as well as a 1905 drive that extended 150 miles, along the McKenzie and the Willamette, finally ending at Oregon City. With its combination of white water and gravel bars, exposed bedrock, and frequent floods, navigating the McKenzie often posed true challenges to the special breed of men who tamed her. Buying sales at around 25 to 50 cents per thousand, contractors would receive between \$4 to \$5 upon delivery to hopefully pay expenses for the 30-man crews over the average of 30 days required to make the drive.

During the heyday, some of the best-known contractors included

Tom Gilliam & Jack Doyle who finished near Armitage Park and the Montgomery brothers.

Logging crews would spend the winter falling, bucking, and dragging the logs to the water's edge in anticipation of the spring drives. As the nearby timber was exhausted the crews would venture further away from the stream banks, often using steam-powered donkeys and flumes to deliver the logs to the water.

When using flumes, the logs were peeled and 'sniped.' Sniping involved cutting a rim around the head end of the logs so they wouldn't dig into the edges of the flume. Flumes were usually well-greased and filled with water to deal with the heat build-up generated. Peeled logs also traveled better in the flumes and were easier to move over the rough ground if they were dragged.

Splash dams were often built to



From the Curtis Irish Collection  
A horse crew on the banks of the McKenzie River.

form a storage pool for the logs until the drive began. But sudden rains could spell disaster if the pools swelled and the logs escaped over the top.

Men on the crew ranged from the river boss, roller crews, doggers, trippers, flunkeys, and the camp louse.

When logs became stuck on gravel bars or other obstructions, the roller crews would go to work. Using peavies, a long-handled, large-diameter pole with a spike and hook on one end, they would roll the logs back into the current. Sometimes the jams would take up to 3 or 4 days on one gravel bar.

Horses and teamsters often had to be used to break up particularly tough jams. A job that carried an extra measure of danger, especially for the horses. Deep whirlpools often took the lives of horses and occasionally men.

A bent iron spike or dog was used by the doggers to attach a logging chain to the timber, driven in with a maul, the dog would hold tightly but could be loosened quickly with a sharp blow.

Trippers were the men who would actually ride on the individual logs as they were being pulled out of the jam by the teams and as the log was caught by the current, knock out the dog and head for shore. Tales were told of trippers who would make impromptu white water rides, carefully balanced on a free-floating log. The men working on the drives of course used hob-nailed or caulk boots and the horses were similarly clad. Special river caulk

horseshoes were developed with sharp projections on both the heel and toe. Although some of the horses were lost in the water the most common danger was a dose of "Mud Fever." Working in the water all the time, the horses were subject to loss of hair on their bellies and legs as well as scaly and cracked skin.

Keeping the camps going was a task that fell to the camp louse who kept busy assembling dishes, pots, pans, and foodstuffs for the traveling crew. Following along with 18-24 foot narrow wooden boats, the camp louse, cook and flunkey would feed the crew in the morning, pull up camp and load it into the boats, then meet them again for the mid-day meal and move on to set up camp again for the evening. The camp louse was responsible for getting food for the men and animals, often going to the small stores or nearby farms along the river.

Particular problem areas for the log drives included gravel bars at Redmonds Ferry and Curry Rocks, Martins Rapids, and the break above Hayden Bridge. If the rollers couldn't break a jam, the teamsters were called in and if they failed dynamite was used to break them free.

The River Rats as they were called, were often the highest-paid timber workers. A top faller in the woods could earn from \$2.75 to \$3 per day while a typical river rat averaged \$5 plus free room and board. Slowly winding down in the early 1900's the grand old log drives are now only a thing of the past.



By Slim Randles

Spring mornings are a lot like Christmas. Each day we get up and go out into the yard, or walk along the creek or visit the horses in the pasture. And each day, each morning, we find something new the sun has brought us.

Pinfeather leaves of an unbelievable green now start showing on cottonwoods that have stood like stark ghostly frames all through the cold winter. Hopeful blades of grass peek through clumps of brown left over from last summer's verdant pasture. Everywhere we look there is something new and different.

A lot of this Christmas-in-spring is kept just among us, because we might be accused of being ... well ... poetic if we told people why we were really carrying that coffee cup out into the yard. So we say lame things like "I think I'll get some of that fresh air this morning." What we really mean, of course, is "I want to see if Richardson's bay mare has had that foal yet."

Some of us have worked very hard last fall and winter to prepare for this spring. By grafting. OK, we have a Granny Smith apple tree. Let's see if we can't get a branch of Rome Beauties or Jonagolds to grow on it, too. And we understand completely that where we live no olive tree can survive the winter. That isn't supposed to stop us from trying, is it?

Nature pitches us a boatload of challenges each day that we're alive. This plant needs more water than falls naturally here. That tree can't take the temperatures we get. This little tree needs soil with more organic matter in it.

And those challenges are the stuff winter dreams are made of. We do the best we can to cure the lack, the freeze, the drought, and then we wait for April. We wait impatiently until we can come out of the house some morning and check the grafts on the apple tree and see tiny green leaves coming on the grafted branch. We search the bare ground where we planted that new kind of seed that won't grow here - to see if it'll grow here.

It is a continuing feast of green, a triumph of anticipation. An April morning can make us want to sing.

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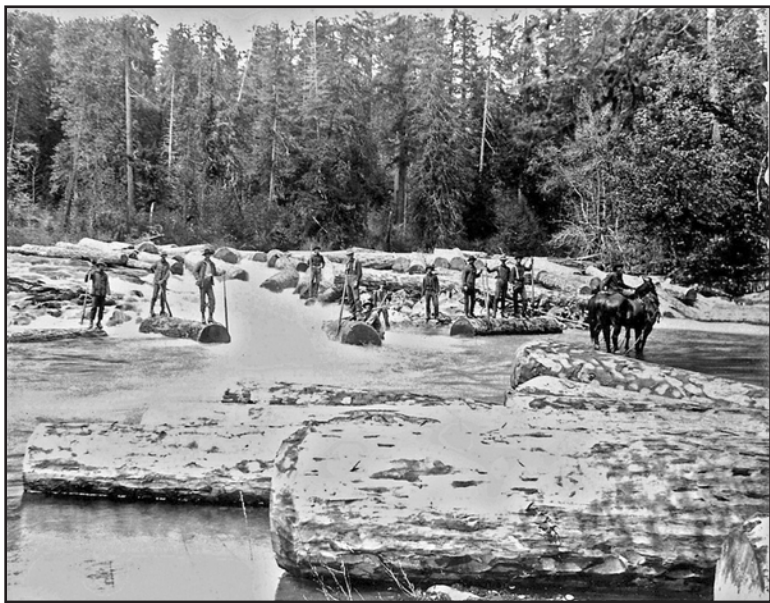
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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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## Seeds vs. starts – Factors to consider when deciding what’s best for your garden



By Alyssa Evans

When starting a garden, the first step is often deciding what will be in the garden. Will it be a vegetable garden? Will flowers and fruits be included too? These are important questions to answer ahead of time.

Another important question is whether to use seeds or plant starts in the garden. Though both have their pros and cons, they are both valuable in gardens for their unique qualities.

Seeds are typically more affordable, though require more effort. Plant starts are more durable but can lack variety in the same ways that seeds do.

To help you decide whether to use a seed or plant starts in your garden this year, two of Oregon’s nursery experts offered their advice.

“Lots of crops can be done both ways,” said Darren Morgan, nursery manager of Shonnard’s Nursery and Florist in Corvallis, Oregon. “Do what you’re comfortable with. Don’t be afraid.”

**Pros: seeds**

Using seeds works well for gardeners who want a variety of plants for an affordable price.

“Seeds are cheaper and more cost-effective. You get a lot more for the price,” said Sara Ori, president of Portland Nursery, which has two locations in the city.

“I personally think watching seeds pop up is so magical, where you get to just put this dry seed in some soil, water it, and all of a sudden, there’s life.”

Seeds are better for variety than plant starts because a seed pack can come with not only multiple seeds but a diverse group, unlike plant starts, which are planted separately.

“There are a lot of plants that actually grow better from seeds than they do from transplants,” Morgan said. “There’s a couple of reasons why: some plants don’t like to get root bound and transplanted. Others have issues with being moved.”

Root crops such as beets, turnips, and carrots establish better when planted as seeds.

“All of the melon and squash family, and cucumbers, you can certainly grow them from transplants. It’s not impossible but they resent being handled much,” Morgan said. “In my many years of gardening, I’ve shifted back to growing these as seeds.”

Lettuce and cilantro can work well when grown from seeds but require oversight, Ori said.

“They can be nice to grow from seeds. You can plant them in increments so they’re not all harvesting or bolting at once,” Ori said. “You have to really watch out

for slugs though.”

**Cons: seeds**

Two negatives of seeds are limitations on what vegetables thrive when grown as seeds and the amount of work that is required to keep them alive.

“What doesn’t do well as a seed varies location by location. For example, tomatoes and peppers. If you grow them in western Oregon, you might not have enough time to successfully grow those crops because of winter weather,” Morgan said.

Seeds generally don’t work for high-depth vegetables such as broccoli and cauliflower.

“Veggies like these often suffer pretty poorly as seed starts. They’re highly sensitive to a lot of organisms, and diseases often kill young seedlings. That’s one of the reasons we grow our starts in sterilized soil. It can make a significant difference,” Morgan said.

Fertilizing seeds with a product such as Liquid Seaweed can help improve their viability, Ori said.

“Seeds can be more work. You have to maintain them. You don’t want them to dry out but you don’t want to overwater them. You have to be on top of transplanting them when it’s time,” Ori said. “There’s a bigger margin for error with seeds. And it’s a bigger time commitment.”

Ori suggests gardeners use a seedling mix when growing seeds because it will allow the seeds to push through the soil better.

“You have to keep a really close eye on them and baby them so they aren’t too dry or wet,” Ori said.

It’s also essential to know when to transplant and trim seed-grown plants. When growing plants from seeds, start with three seeds at a time so at least one of them is likely to grow. If more than one grows, cut off the extra growths so there is only one plant growing and it isn’t competing for space, Ori said.

Seeds also require a warm, sunny place to grow, such as a sunny window or greenhouse. In Portland, most windows that are not south-facing will need

**Seeds vs. starts - Page 10**



## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



**FAMILY LETTERS - A FORM OF HISTORY**

So often we throw out letters we receive from family and friends. How can we keep everything?

However, the importance of letters in compiling a family history and making ancestors come alive was brought to my attention when I discovered letters my great, great-grandmother wrote. These were tucked away midst some papers in an old house. I’ve also found other letters from ancestors kept by my grandmother and my mom. Some were from my great, great uncles in the Civil War and uncles in WWI and WWII.

As I read these messages, I’ve learned more about these people who had been simply names and date on a family tree.

I discovered letters my grandmother wrote to me when I was a child. Every Sunday and Wednesday evening, Nanny wrote to her friends and family. When I visited her, I learned the rudiments of writing letters as we sat at the kitchen table after supper and penned notes about events of the day.

Mother’s Letters Filled With Humor

I didn’t keep all my mom’s letters to me because my husband and I have moved around quite a bit. However, I often jotted down

excerpts from them into a journal. Recently I came across this and discovered the humor in my mom’s writings. I’m compiling these, along with her diary entries, into a book for her family.

These are fun to share with my daughter and grandchildren and give them insight into the person they remember mainly as an old lady disabled by Alzheimer’s. She comes alive to them as a vibrant woman with sense of humor.

Keep Your Letters

So keep, as much as you can, the letters you receive from family members. See if you can obtain copies of letters other family members may have. These provide a fascinating record of your family history. You often may find food ideas and recipes mentioned.

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Serve over mashed potatoes, noodles, biscuits or rice.

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# Open House

April 16<sup>th</sup> lived up to its name of Grange Friendship Day in Watterville on Saturday when people had a chance to learn more about community service groups. Some of those manning tables at the event included the Mobile Plant Clinic, EWEB, the Discovery Center, Community Emergency Radio System, and Cancer Awareness.

Besides learning more about the Grange, attendees also had the opportunity to sign up for membership at a half-price April special. And, there were refreshments and a free raffle for homemade pies for all to enjoy.



# “Sparks City”

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abutting Sparks Addition.

Part of the boundary survey process will involve gathering records including deeds and previous surveys from public records. Over the next few months, people will see ALS personnel recovering and measuring survey monuments that could include pipes, rebars, or brass caps that were used to define property corners. Those field measurements will be incorporated into a new

map that will be recorded in the public records of the Lane County Surveyor.

Fieldwork is likely to start on May 1st. Prior to that, Jonathan Oakes of ALS is inviting people to a meeting to answer questions and discuss concerns. That session is set for Thursday, April 27th, starting at 7 p.m. in the old gymnasium at McKenzie High School.

Anyone hoping the work

might lead to the creation of an incorporated area is likely to be disappointed. It’s been almost two decades since a city was incorporated in Oregon - Damascus in 2004 and La Pine in 2006. Both are considerably larger with 10,592 residents in the first and 1,773 in the latter, compared to an estimated population of 230 for Blue River today.



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# Community Notes

April 22

## Wooden Boat Festival

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Lodge. People are encouraged to bring their wooden boat for display. The McKenzie River Guides Association will serve lunch and beverages.

April 27

## Boundary Survey

A meeting to discuss updates to property markers in Blue River will be held starting at 7 p.m. in the old gymnasium at McKenzie High School. Avery Land Surveying of Eugene has been contracted by Lane County to prepare a boundary survey of properties that were included in the original plat of Blue River City and the abutting Sparks Addition. Prior to conducting fieldwork, Jonathan Oakes of ALS is inviting people to a meeting to answer questions and discuss concerns.

April 28

## Mother's Day Tea

The Walterville Grange will be hosting the Annual Play Festival on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7 p.m. The play festival will consist of three one-act plays from different Granges. Walterville Grange will be hosting Goshen and Mohawk-McKenzie Granges at the Walterville Community Center, 39259 Camp Creek Road. Enjoy refreshments of sandwiches and pie afterwards, please bring a canned food item for the upriver food bank. Donations are gratefully accepted.

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April 30

## LTD Survey

Lane Transit District passengers are being asked to participate in an online survey that will

assist the District in evaluating customer satisfaction with fixed or neighborhood bus service as well as to identify opportunities for improvements throughout the District. The survey is available Monday, March 27, through Sunday, April 30, 2023.

The three- to five-minute-long survey is confidential. The survey will be available online at LTD.org beginning March 27, and paper copies will be available at the LTD Customer Service Center in Eugene Station at 1080 Willamette Street. Participants who complete the survey will be eligible to win one of two \$100 gift certificates from Fred Meyer.

May 1

## Springfield School Board

7 pm - 8:30 pm. The Board of Directors meet in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

May 2

## Board of Commissioners

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May 2

## Coffee With Locals

Meet at the McKenzie Bridge General Store, 91837 Taylor Rd, Come have a cup of coffee with the locals (paid for by Locals Helping Locals). Catch up with your neighbors, discuss how you are doing in the fire recovery process, and share your successes and struggles. Contact Brenda Hamlow with questions: (541) 729-9802.

May 2

## Family Story Time

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

May 2

## MVW Annual Mtg.

McKenzie Valley Wellness annual membership meeting, from 7 - 9 p.m. Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Dr, and online.

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May 3

## Watershed Wednesday

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May 3

## Blue River Water Board

The board will meet at 6 p.m. A link to the meeting is available at: blueriverpark.com

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## Blue River Park Board

The board will meet at 6 p.m. A link to the online meeting is at: blueriverwaterdistrict.com.

May 4

## AMJ Invite

The McKenzie River Community Track & Field will host an event in honor of Aaron and Marie Jones from noon to 4 p.m. at 51326 Blue River Dr.

May 5

## First Friday

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

May 6

## 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 6

## Living River Day

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

May 6

## Artists' Guild Sale

Members of the McKenzie Art-

ists' Guild celebrate their 30th anniversary at their annual Art Show & Sale on May 6th & 7th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 15 artists will display their works at the Leaburg Fire Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. Kris Anderson, Janet Biles, Connie Bonn, Kathryn Cannon, Cindy Cartledge, Whitney Crane, Sandy Dunbar, Joe Frank, Ali Hennes, Joyce Hubbard, Marjorie Lewellen, Chris Mark, Lucy Rudy, Janet Savage, & Susan Warner.

May 6

## Mother's Day Tea

A Mother's Day Tea will be held from noon- 2 p.m. at the Dorris Ranch Barn, 205 Dorris St, Springfield for all ages. Spend the afternoon honoring the mother figures in your life. Enjoy sweet and savory treats in the historic Dorris Ranch barn, pose in our photo booth, and listen to music. Make and take home a unique craft. The price is \$15 in-district and \$18 out-of-district. Registration is required.

May 6

## Swampytonk

From 7 to 9 p.m. on May 6th, the Henry Cooper Trio will perform their "Sampytonk Blues Concert" at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church in Walterville. Soft drinks, coffee, and dessert will be provided. "At Will" donations at the event will benefit the Vida McKenzie Community Center.

May 8

## Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed Council meets from 5 to 6:30 pm.m. at various locations to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable watershed health, function, and use. Contact: Melanie Giangreco- (458-201-8150) melanie@mckenziawc.org

May 8

## Parks Advisory

The Lane County Parks Advisory Committee meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 6 - 7:30 p.m. (except during July & August) in the Goodpasture Room, 3050 N Delta Hwy, Eugene. It advises the Board of County Commissioners on park needs, recommends priorities for projects - including financial and operational development and acquisition. The committee also provides recommendations regarding long-range planning for future park programs and needs, and serves as a liaison group representing the concerns of the community.

May 9

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May 9

## Tourism Committee

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee meets via Zoom every second Tuesday of the month from 8 to 10 a.m. . Please join us even if you are not a Chamber member. The committee strives to strengthen the support of locals interested in improving tourism and the economic vitality of the entire McKenzie River Valley. Email the Tourism Chair at Treasurer@McKenzieChamber.com to get on the meeting email list.

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## Family Story Time

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## Tiny Dental Van

The Tiny Dental Van, sponsored by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program, will be at the Orchid McKenzie River Clinic, 54771 McKenzie Hwy, every second Tuesday of the month in Rainbow. A first visit will include a patient assessment, intraoral photos, teeth cleaning, charting, and X-Rays. Call 360-449-9500 or 800-525-6800 to schedule new patient appointments or teeth cleaning.

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May 11

## Coop Meeting

The Lane Electric Coop's McKenzie District Meeting will be held at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McK-en-zie River Drive in Rainbow from 5:30 to 7 p.m. LEC board members will give updates and candidtes will speak. Food and prizes will be provided.

May 12

## McKenzie Food Pantry

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

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

## Nine Lives



My husband of four years has been arrested for the fourth time for hurting me. This time, he strangled me. I always go back with him. He is in jail now with no money to post for his own bail. I thought I loved him, but lately I can't stand his behind. He is unemployed and so possessive it's hard for me to breathe sometimes. He follows me from room to room and, if I'm on the phone, mutes the television so he can listen. A year ago we separated, and I filed for divorce. We reconciled in November and I put the divorce on hold. Last week I called the clerk, and my divorce was put through. I am now divorced from a man who tried to kill me 10 days ago. Great, right? I am so sad and lonely and feel so bad for him sitting in jail that I can't get my head cleared out. I feel like I have

no life other than work. I have no family and few friends. I feel he hurts me because I argue with him and put him in a corner like a scared animal. He has to strike out at me to defend his manhood. It's hard to explain. And yes, I have begun counseling. Forget him or love him, that is my question. Tori, most of us get many chances to change our life, but we don't get an unlimited number of chances. This man may take your last chance away from you. Like the people held hostage by gunmen in a Stockholm bank, you have begun to identify with your captor. You see the world from his point of view and deny what he is doing to you. Or at least, that is what part of you does. Another part of you chose to divorce him. That part realizes you have freedom. That part recognizes love is about caring, respect, and admiration which flow back and forth. That part of you knows this man can never give you what you most deeply need. Now you're like an addict struggling with addiction. Loneliness is weakening your resolve, but you've got to

remember the reason for quitting. Stay in counseling. Seek emotional support. Formulate a protection plan. You have work, not everyone has that. That is something to build on. You have friends, not everyone has that. That is something to build on. You have life, that is something other women in your situation have lost. Wayne and Tamara

### Happiness Is...

I was raised to believe that the secret to happiness is to be interested in other people, be a good listener, and spend your time helping others. However, the happiest people I know are completely self-absorbed. Eagerly they bombard me with every thought that has passed through their mind, every excruciating detail of their mundane little weekends, every boring incident involving the computer at work. I am left grabbing for the Prozac, and wondering where I went wrong. In our modern world, is self-obsession the only way to go? Chris, ignorance may be bliss, but it isn't happiness. Happiness doesn't come from living in a closet or only looking at two colors in the rainbow. People who can only talk about the weather or movies she hasn't seen, drive Tamara crazy. Her cure is gradually withdrawing from

those people. That opens space in one's life for people who are vitally alive and growing. By filling yourself up and growing, you have much to offer lively people, and they will be attracted to you as well. Build on the relationships you find pleasure in, and start pulling back from the other ones. A friend of mine once explained how he lost the sense of joy in his life, and how he got it back. He told me, "I forgot to dream."

Wayne

Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of *Cheating in a Nutshell, What Infidelity Does to the Victim*, available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.

## American Life in Poetry

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By Haki R. Madhubuti  
*For independent booksellers & librarians, especially Nichelle Hayes*

Frequently during my mornings of pain & reflection when I can't write or articulate my thoughts or locate the mindmusic needed to complete the poems & essays that are weeks plus days overdue

forcing me to stop, I cease answering my phone, eating right, running my miles, reading my mail, and making love. (Also, this is when my children do not seek me out because I do not seek them out.) I escape north, to the nearest library or used bookstore. They are my retreats, my quiet energy-givers, my intellectual refuge. For me it is not bluewater beaches, theme parks, or silent chapels hidden among forest greens. Not multi-stored American malls, corporate book supermarkets, mountain trails, or Caribbean hideaways. My sanctuaries are liberated lighthouses of shelved books, featuring forgotten poets, unread anthropologists of tenure-seeking assistant professors, self-published geniuses, remaindered first novelists, highlighting speed-written bestsellers, wise historians & theologians, nobel, pulitzer prize, and american book award winners, poets & fiction writers, overcertain political commentators, small press wunderkinds & learned academics. All are vitamins for my slow brain & sidetracked spirit in this winter of creating.

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Source: Poetry (April 2023)

Dr. Haki R. Madhubuti, poet, author, publisher, and educator, is regarded as an architect of the Black Arts Movement and is founder and publisher of Chicago's Third World Press. Third World Press celebrated its 55th anniversary in September of 2022.

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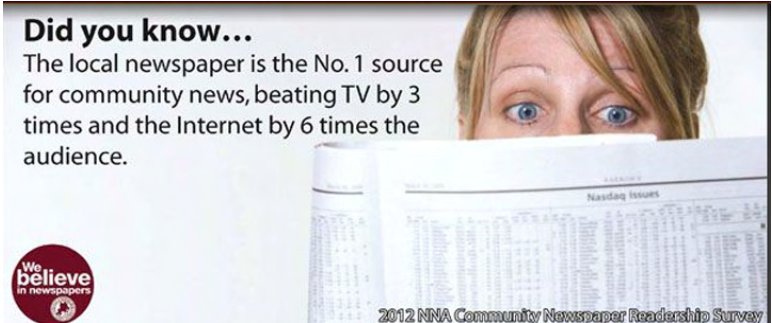
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# State agency budget cuts could hit rural OR hardest



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Oregon's budget-writing committee has proposed a \$31 billion budget over the next two years.

Eric Tegethoff  
Oregon News Service  
Under a proposal in the Legislature, Oregon's service agencies could see spending cuts, which could hit hardest in rural areas.

Under the Committee on Ways and Means co-chair budget, state agency spending would be cut by 2.5%.

John Mullin, advocate for the Human Services Coalition of Oregon, said the proposed budget could hurt health providers' Medicaid reimbursement rates, which is bad news for rural Oregon.

"There are really some very challenging issues about finding providers in rural areas and that's a main concern," Mullin pointed out. "That's also linked to some of the economic struggles that are happening in rural communities."

Mullin noted the cuts could also affect cash assistance programs, which are not keeping up with inflation.

Some lawmakers argued Oregon no longer has federal funds to rely on for its budget. Gov. Tina Kotek has proposed spending about \$750 million from the state's rainy day fund to support state agencies.

The potential state agency cuts also are coming as expanded Medicaid benefits from early in the pandemic end, potentially leaving up to 300,000 Oregonians uninsured.

The Ways and Means Committee is presenting the budget around the state, and Mullin stressed his organization is going to the meetings, to urge full funding for needed programs and state agencies.

"Speaking from the Human Services Coalition perspective, we think that services to the people that are most vulnerable are really at the top of the list," Mullin added.

The committee will be in Newport on Friday, Roseburg on April 21 and Ontario on April 28.

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## Ski Report

April 11, 2022

The Hoodoo Ski Area is closed on Mon. & Tues; open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wed. to Sat; and Sun. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The temperature Tuesday morning was 37 degrees at the base with WSW winds averaging 19 mph. Two inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 102 inches. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 25 degrees at the base and 16 degrees at the summit on Tuesday. No new snow fell overnight, leaving the snowpack at 121 inches. Weather predictions included a 90% chance of snow along with moderate winds. All 122 trails were open, along with 10 of 17 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.



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

**April 20** - Although he lived only forty-four years, Louis Akin became one of Oregon’s most celebrated artists. As a young man, this Portland native worked as a sign painter but gave that up to live in a cabin in the mountains to observe and paint nature. In 1901 Akin received national acclaim when his illustrated book of scenes from the Oregon Trail was published. Two years later he moved to Arizona where he lived among the Hopi painting scenes of the native people and beautiful panoramas of the Grand Canyon. Today Akin’s work, found on display at the finest museums of western art, is most valued for his skill as a painter and the historical timeframe he captured.

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# Bees are flocking to clearcuts

## But numbers decline as forest canopy regrows

By Steve Lundeberg, OSU  
Native bees in the Oregon Coast Range are diverse and abundant in clearcut areas within a few years of timber harvest but their numbers drop sharply as planted trees grow and the forest canopy closes, research by Oregon State University shows.

The findings are important for understanding the roles forest management might play in the conservation of a crucial pollinator group, the researchers said.

The study, led by graduate student Rachel Zitomer and Jim Rivers, an animal ecologist in the OSU College of Forestry, was published in Ecological Applications.

“The research demonstrates that Douglas-fir plantations develop diverse communities of wild bees shortly after harvest,” Rivers said. “Management activities that promote open conditions and enhance floral resources in the initial years following harvest are likely to promote bee diversity in intensively managed forest landscapes.”

Despite widespread concern about how human activity may be driving global declines in pollinator species, little is known about the impacts of land management practices on wild bees outside of agricultural systems, the scientists note.

Closing that knowledge gap is critical, they say, because bees pollinate many of the flowering plants that make up ecosystems and support food webs.

In the spring and summer of



An Oregon native bee

2018 and 2019, the scientists looked at native bee communities in 60 Douglas-fir stands of varying ages across a time frame representative of a typical 40-year harvest rotation.

The authors found that the total number of bees and the number of different bee species declined markedly with stand age, falling an average of 61% and 48%, respectively, for each five-year increment after harvest.

“Our results are important for forest managers because they indicate that bees do use intensively harvested stands, and that the window for bee conservation measures is restricted to a relatively short time period,” Zitomer said. “Our research is one of the first attempts to quantify how native bee communities change over time

after one of the dominant forest disturbances that take place in the Oregon Coast Range.”

Animal pollinators enhance the reproduction of nearly 90% of the Earth’s flowering plants, including many food crops, and are an essential component of insect and plant biodiversity. Native insect pollinators, primarily bees, are estimated to contribute more than \$3 billion per year in commercial pollination services in the United States, Zitomer said, and are essential for the functioning of natural ecosystems and food chains. Oregon is home to more than 600 species of native bees, and nearly a quarter of them are found in recently harvested forests.

“Wild bees are the top pollinators in most temperate regions,

and widespread declines have prompted worries about food security as well as ecosystem function,” Rivers said. “Understanding bees’ habitat requirements and how they respond to human activity is imperative if we want to take effective conservation measures.”

Recent studies have indicated that moderately reducing the application of herbicides in the initial years after harvest can enhance pollinator species richness, in some cases without compromising revenue potential, the authors say.

“That could be a win-win for timber production and biodiversity conservation,” Zitomer said.

Including bee-pollinated plant species in the seed mixes used for revegetation along roadsides and at log landings is another way to help ensure maximum bee presence after timber harvesting, the researchers note. A landing is where logs are placed prior to loading on trucks.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and Food Research Initiative and a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship funded this study.

Also taking part in the research were Matthew Betts of the OSU College of Forestry, Andrew Moldenke of the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences, Sara Galbraith of Colorado State University and Robert Progar of the U.S. Forest Service.

## “Week of the boats”

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Arizona. His talk will tie into the evening’s theme, “Spawning Grounds: It Started with this River,” and will be a show-and-tell of the links between the McKenzie, Rogue, and Colorado dories, including some of their history and tales of connections, exploits, and good humor.

In addition to Dimock, Spawning Grounds will feature a donation by Bob Hirt of the last known drift boat built by Woodie Hind-

man. Also on the planned program is Dr. Gordon Grant, research geologist and hydrologist for the USFS and courtesy OSU professor. Grant will speak about the area’s landscape hydrology and the suitability of the drift boat to this environment.

The program will be capped with a progress report of Discovery by Executive Director Shirley Braunstein and Board President, Gene Jones.



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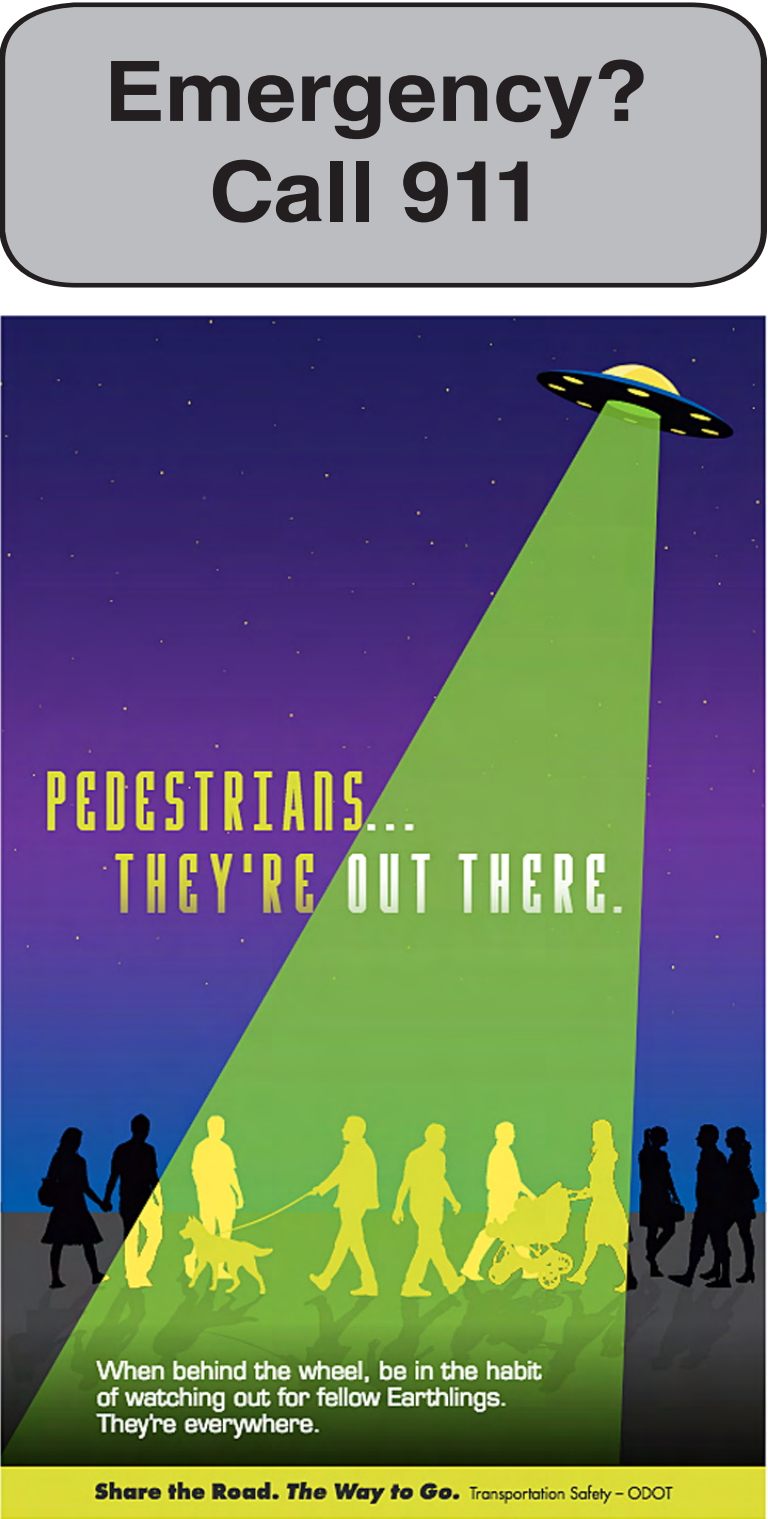
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# Seeds vs. starts

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supplemental light. Once plants start to grow, they should be rotated occasionally so all sides receive sunlight, Ori said.

Seed-grown plants also should be hardened, meaning they are slowly transitioned to outside temperatures, once outdoor temperatures are consistently over 40 degrees.

“Tender plants may require higher temperatures before beginning hardening off. This can be done by moving indoor seed starts outdoors into a shady spot during the day — just for a few hours at first, progressively adding more outdoor time — but bringing them in at night,” Ori said. “Do this over the course of two weeks.”

### Pros: starts

Using a plant start may be beneficial depending on what type of plant is being grown. Plant starts are also popular for beginners and for those who want more resilient plants.

“Starts require less maintenance and are a little bit easier for beginners,” Ori said. “If you don’t have a greenhouse, you can usually get a jump if you have starts. They’ve already been started and are bigger.”

Plant starts are more resilient than plants grown from seeds because they’re older plants that have been established in the ground. This is an advantage because the plants stand a better chance to survive during cold weather or surprise frosts.

“You can start different plants at different times and start them in a sterile medium so they’re more established and more robust. Young seedlings can be killed off much easier than starts,” Morgan said. “The advantages are there for established plants.”

Legumes, beans, broccoli, cauliflower, and lettuce work both as seeds and starts, Morgan said. He recommends growing nightshade crops, peppers,

eggplants, and leaf crops as plant starts.

“I like to do a lot of my leaf crops from a transplant. There’s just less of a chance of things going wrong,” Morgan said.

Ori recommends using a mix of compost and fertilizer when using plant starts.

“We like Sure Start as a transplanting fertilizer if in the ground,” Ori said.

### Cons: starts

The two biggest negatives of using plant starts are timing and cost.

The quality of a plant start is the first thing to examine before purchasing it from a store.

“There’s a number of things that can happen with transplants,” Morgan said. “A number of plants don’t like to be handled and resent being handled.”

For those who choose to grow their plant starts at home, it’s essential to plan ahead and be cautious of factors like weather and when the starts will need to be transplanted.

“If the weather doesn’t cooperate, some plants you can hold on to — like tomatoes, you can hold on to them and they’ll get larger. Other plants will get root bound or stressed from transplanting,” Morgan said.

The second downside of using plant starts is their cost. Generally, the price of one plant start may be equal to the cost of several seeds.

“Starts don’t have a huge amount of expense but it does get up there,” Morgan said. “Tomatoes are a great example because I’ll plant a bunch of tomatoes and they’re all different varieties. I can go buy these as transplants but if I buy seeds, they’ll last me a few years.”

# ‘Atomic Bamboozle’ documents ‘False Promises’ of new nuclear tech



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The Trojan Nuclear Plant in Oregon was connected to the grid in 1975 and shut down in 1992.

By Eric Tegethoff  
Oregon News Service  
A film premiering this week tackles the potential harms of the nuclear industry.

Portland State University professor emeritus Jan Haaken directed the documentary “Atomic Bamboozle: The False Promise of a Nuclear Renaissance.”

The film draws on historical lessons from the campaign to shut down the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant in Rainier, Oregon. The plant closed in 1992.

Haaken said the nuclear industry is promoting a new design concept known as small modular reactors, or SMRs. Her initial interest in SMRs was about how the industry would handle waste.

“Many of us were very attuned to the fossil fuel problem,” said Haaken, “but not so much nuclear that had kind of repackaged itself as clean, cheap and promising.”

Haaken said her film also focuses on areas beyond waste - such as claims the new technology is safer even as the industry pushes to streamline the regulatory process, its financial viability, and risks of proliferation.

The film premieres Sunday in Portland and also includes a

speakers panel.  
Executive Director of Columbia Riverkeeper, Lauren Goldberg, said the nuclear industry has positioned the sector as a solution to climate change. But she noted that experts aren’t convinced the technology can be deployed fast enough to combat the crisis.

Goldberg said the industry has its eye on the Northwest, although a proposal for SMR technology at the Hanford Nuclear Site in Washington was withdrawn last week.

“For example, in the case of the proposed SMR at Hanford,” said Goldberg, “the waste would have just sat along the Columbia for an unspecified amount of time, potentially hundreds of years or more. That’s been what’s happened with other now-defunct nuclear facilities.”

Haaken said nuclear technology that has not been completely fleshed out is not a good bet for the country’s energy future.

“I would put my money on renewables and engineers that are trying to figure out the grid problem and ways of developing conservation,” said Haaken. “Re-thinking our approach to energy with the technologies we have.”

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report

By Cliff Richardson

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with 20 pts.

McKenzie’s Short, a sophomore, finished third in the triple jump event, leaping 22 ft. 4.5 in. Piper Mitchell of Riddle won the triple jump with a jump mark at 25 ft. 3.25 in. Short, the Eagle’s jump specialist, also placed tied for fifth in the long jump, leaping to a season record 10 ft. 4.5 in. The long jump winner was Naroa Obregon-Riquera of Crow, who jumped 12 ft. 3.25 in. Harrisburg’s Cadence Smith, who cleared the bar at 4 ft. 2 in, won the high jump.

McKenzie’s Hailey Prater finished third in the javelin with a throw of 66 ft. 11 in. and her teammate Taylor Wickizer took home a fourteenth place finish with a toss of 33 ft. 0.5 in. The javelin was won by Riddle’s Sammy Linton, who threw the spear for a PR mark of 77 ft. 1 in.

In the discus event, Prater tossed a mark of 53 ft. 9 in., which was seventh place. Wickizer placed tenth at 48 ft. 9 in., a PR for the Eagle senior. Emmalee Smathers of Harrisburg won the discus with a toss of 82 ft. 9 in. Linton of Riddle, who established a new PR mark of 29 ft. 5 in, won the shot put. Prater followed in eighth place with a 20 ft. 0 in. toss and Wickizer finished tenth with an 18

ft. 11.5 in mark.

In the running events, Eagle Short ran a fifth place time of 17.43 sec in the 100 m. race. Mohawk’s Lucy Barrowcliff finished first in a season record time of 14.71 sec. Elkton’s Meah Saddler won both the 200 m. and the 400 m. races, the first in 31.46 sec and the latter in a PR time of 3:02.91 min. The 1500 m. winner was Cadence Smith of Harrisburg with a time of 5:41.74 min. and the 4x100 m. relay team from Mannahouse Academy (Eugene) won with a time of 1:19.81 min. That foursome was Kiara Adama, Andrea Jones, Ariana Adams, and Natalie Stutesman.

### McKenzie Track And Field Committee WE WANT YOU!!

The McKenzie Track and Field Committee is extending an invitation to all folks to volunteer at this season’s up and coming track events. No experience is required, just a smile, a bit of

patience and a desire to help put on a track meet on one of the best track facilities around. This week, the MTFC is co-hosting with McKenzie School’s two track and field events.

First, on Wednesday, April 19, seven Middle School teams from the Mt. West League will converge on the iconic Aaron and Marie Jones Community Track venue east of McKenzie High School. The following day, seven high school teams arrive and battle it out. Please consider coming out and helping with measuring and timing events. Again, no experience is required and there’s a guarantee the athletes will be appreciative of your efforts. With seven field events and ten running events, both for the boys and girls, we could use your help. Please contact either Kiger Plews, 541-914-4394 or Cliff Richardson, 541-822-6051 and we’d be glad to sign you up!

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