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JP Doodles

First observed in 1868 to commemorate soldiers lost in the Civil War, Memorial Day became a national holiday in 1971.

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Honoring all

Remembering the service members who fought and died to secure our many freedoms and kept America safe.

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Get paid for shade

New program leases streamside land to plant trees

The ecological benefits of forests along a river's edge benefit fish and wildlife habitat. They also help improve water quality by shading the stream, filtering out excess sediments and nutrients, as well as eventually contributing large wood to build instream habitat complexity in the river. Shade is important because solar radiation can warm the water too much for native cold-water fish such as salmon, trout,

and lamprey during critical times in their life cycles. Thanks to a new program property owners can also realize an economic benefit if they agree to plant and maintain a mix of native trees and shrubs inside a 60-foot buffer along their riverbanks. The Freshwater Trust is now looking to connect with landowners along the banks of the McKenzie, Mohawk, Middle Fork Willamette, Coast Fork Wil-

lamette, and Row Rivers, along with some selected creeks for streamside (riparian) enhancement projects. There is no cost to the program, according to the Freshwater Trust. According to a spokesman, the project was designed "to improve the health of our rivers and streams and enhance critical habitat while supporting clean water on private lands across the Up-

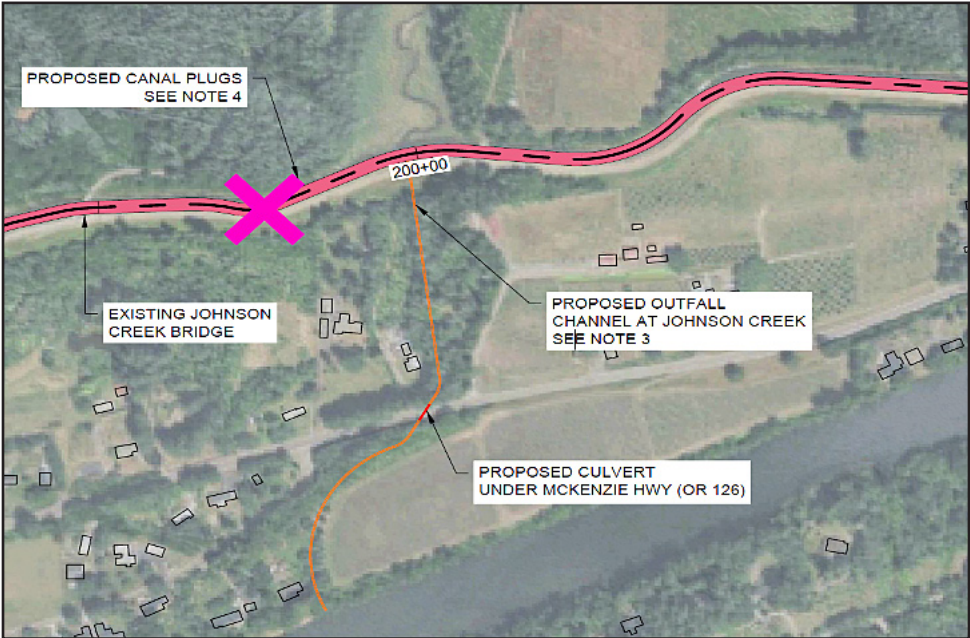
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Staff of The Freshwater Trust gather pre-project baseline data to determine the best location and mix of trees and shrubs to be planted along a tributary of the Rogue River as part of Medford's water quality trading program.

Canal controversy continues

EWEB hears local community's concerns



Under the proposed Leaburg Power Canal decommissioning, tributary streams, like Johnson Creek, would be rerouted to the McKenzie River. The utility plans to repatriate the creeks using their historic pathways while avoiding homes that have been built in the old creek beds.

LEABURG: "My front door would be about five feet from the highway you folks want to put in," was the way Dane Palmer explained his opposition to the Eugene Water & Electric Board's proposal to use the street he lives on. He wasn't the only Leashore Drive resident to tell the utility they were also opposed to plans to remove a bridge and widen their roadway to access properties on Leaburg Dam Road. During EWEB's May 16th upriver meeting, others like Tammy Felton, also told the utility's commissioners that aspect

of plans to decommission the Leaburg Hydroelectric Project would "just destroy our dreams," if widening the road would involve "taking people's property through eminent domain, buying us out and tearing out houses." Offering another view on traffic impacts was Jim Russell of the Whitewater Ranch, a Southbank property currently accessed via the road over Leaburg Dam. Russell said that following the Holiday Farm Fire, timber salvage operations at the ranch resulted

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Driver safe in Camp Creek crash

In Leaburg, spikes stopped speeder



A 17-year-old female was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries on May 22nd following an accident at 7:10 p.m. The single-occupant wreck involved a 2005 Ford F250 pickup and occurred at Milepost 1 of Camp Creek Road. Investigators report the truck was traveling westbound when it failed to negotiate a curve. It crossed over the oncoming eastbound lane and struck a concrete barrier. The truck then flipped and came to rest on its roof in the eastbound lane. The day before, at about 6:14 p.m., an LCSO deputy observed a gold Honda Ac-

cord traveling westbound on McKenzie Hwy. near milepost 53 at approximately 93 m.p.h. The vehicle passed several other vehicles in a corner and no-passing lane. The deputy attempted to initiate a traffic stop but the driver continued fleeing westbound at a high rate of speed. Spikes were successfully deployed near Holden Creek Lane and the driver lost control and drove off of the roadway shortly after. She was uninjured and taken into custody without further incident. 38-year-old Lindsey Abigail Williston of Florence was lodged at the Lane County Jail on charges of Elude by Vehicle and Reckless Driving.

May 16 Election results

Law levy and incumbents were voted back in

McKenzie School District				Position 4			
Position 1				Steven Keable			
Danna Brownell				254 98.83%			
Taya Brock				Position 5			
352 47.06%				Jennifer Zirkle			
Position 2				237 99.16%			
Sarah Mackenzie				Blue River Water District			
Kail Harbick				Position 1			
421 54.53%				Joshua Cloke			
Position 3				30 88.24%			
Alyssa Brownlee				Position 2			
Max Metcalfe				Jim Parks			
329 45.89%				29 100%			
Position 5				Position 4			
Jason Wickizer				Terry Herndon			
Justin Barker				35 89.74%			
315 45.06%				Position 5			
Springfield School District				Tony Casad			
Position 1				25 75.76%			
Ken Hohl				McKenzie Palisade Water District			
5,706 52.46%				Position 2, 3 & 5 (Write In Names unavailable)			
Violet Olszyk				Shangri-La Water District			
3,938 36.21%				Position 4			
Geena Davis				Todd Thompson			
785 7.22%				38 100%			
Heather Quaas-Annsa				Position 5			
3895 3.54%				Ryan Jagels			
Position 4				33 100%			
Nicole DeGraff				Dearborn Water Control District			
5,702 51.63%				Position 1, 3 & 5 (Write In Names unavailable)			
Anthony Reed				Blue River Park District			
5,293 47.93%				Position 2			
McKenzie Fire & Rescue				Joshua Cloke			
Position 2				26 89.66%			
Lee Burwell Means				Position 4 (Write In Name unavailable)			
985 97.91%				Renewal of Jail & Youth Services Levy			
Position 4				Yes			
Derek Wing				65,721 79.31%			
972 99.39%				No			
Position 5 (Write In Name unavailable)				17,144 20.69%			
Upper McKenzie Fire District							
Position 1							
Shane Kamrat							
246 98.80%							

Results will be certified on June 12, 2023

Letters to the Editor

Prioritizing safety

The results of this election and the renewal of the Lane County Public Safety Levy show that this community remains committed to our safety. I am very thankful that Lane County residents recognize the need for a functional jail system including local jail beds to help hold those accused of violent and dangerous crime accountable. Renewal of this levy will allow the Lane County Jail to continue to operate with a minimum of 255 local jail beds, as well as 8 youth

detention beds and 8 youth treatment beds at Lane County Youth Services.

Renewal of this levy will maintain the level of service that we currently have. I am optimistic that now we can begin discussing how we can find a permanent solution to the under-resourcing of our entire local public safety system. Thank you again for prioritizing the safety of those that live in Lane County.”

Cliff Harrold
Lane County Sheriff

Guest Opinion

Never forget the countless veterans battling addiction

Many veterans struggle with substance use and mental health disorders, often leading to overdose and suicide. On Memorial Day, millions of Americans will take time to honor the memory of those men and women who lost their life while serving in the U.S. military.

Outside of this day, we must never forget the veterans who lost the battle against addiction and mental illness and the many more who are still struggling. Fortunately, there are supports and ways families can help.

In Oregon are over 280,000 veterans. Most of these vets are war-time veterans. According to the National Survey on Drug Use and



Health, over 3.9 million veterans have a substance use disorder or mental illness.

Unfortunately, substance use

disorders significantly increase suicidality among veterans ages 18 and older. Suicidal thoughts and behaviors are common among veterans ages 18 to 49.

“Too many veterans fall through the cracks and do not receive the help or support they need. Early intervention saves lives,” said Michael Leach of Addicted.org.

There are many reasons veterans struggle with substance use or mental health disorders, for many veterans who spend their adult years in military service may find it difficult to adjust to civilian life. They may experience financial hardships, difficulty finding employment, or accessing benefits.

Veterans are also at a higher risk of experiencing mental and emotional health concerns. This can be compounded with physical injury or chronic pain. Untreated, for example, can impact every aspect of life. All of this or one problem can lead to drug and alcohol use as a means of coping.

Veterans also face barriers to accessing treatment and support. Cost and insurance gaps are common. Stigma regarding substance use and mental health disorders are still prominent. There are also issues with inadequate funding and limited access to treatment in rural locations.

Outside of the usual help through the U.S. Department of

Veterans Affairs and the VA facility locator, there are other support options to consider:

- The Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs provides numerous services and support;
- Helpful hotlines include the Veterans Crisis Line, 1-800-273-8255, and the Lifeline for Vets, 1-888-777-4443;
- SAMHSA has a treatment facility locator where veterans can find specific help in Oregon for substance use and mental health disorders.

Families also play a critical role in helping their loved ones struggling with addiction. Speaking to them openly and honestly about their substance use is okay. Express concern but refrain from passing judgment. Help them find treatment. Be patient and always show compassion.

It takes communities and families coming together to help our veterans struggling with addiction. Early intervention saves lives, and it’s never too late to offer a helping hand.

Veronica Raussin is a Community Outreach Coordinator for Addicted.org, passionate about spreading awareness of the risks and dangers of alcohol & drug use.

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report

By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Track and Field Season has concluded. There are no events scheduled.

McKenzie At 1A-SD2 District Championships

McKenzie’s Varsity Track and Field teams participated in the 1A-SD2 District Championships last Saturday, May 20, held at the Summit Track Complex at Summit High School in Bend. The 1A meet was held simultaneously with the 5A-4 IMC meet, which featured six 5A schools and 25 1A schools. The McKenzie Boys Track and Field team finished 25th in the team scoring with 3 points earned. The Eagle Girls T & F team did not score.

Triangle Lake earned first in the Boys 1A team scoring with 78 points, narrowly defeating 2nd place Lost River, which finished with 74 points. Myrtle Point finished 3rd with 66 points and Days Creek 4th with 65 points, to round out the top four teams. North Douglas won the Girls team competition with 102 points. North Lake finished 2nd to the Warriors, with 93 points earned and the Lakers of Triangle Lake took 3rd with 70 points. The 1A-SD4 District Championships meet qualified athletes to the OSAA 1A

State Championships, which will be held Thursday, May 25 and Friday, May 26 at Hayward Field on the campus of the University of Oregon. McKenzie did not qualify any athletes for the State Championships.

Eagle sophomore Beckah Short, the lone McKenzie girl representative at the 1A-SD4 meet, finished 11th in the triple jump, leaping 23 ft. 0.25 in. Julie Roth of North Lake won the triple jump at 32 ft. 8.25 in. Short did not score in the other event she was entered in, the 300 m. hurdles.

Eagle junior Levi Lockard finished 9th in the shot put with a throw of 36 ft. 3.25 in. Mason Detzler from Myrtle Point won the shot put with a throw marked at 51 ft. 3.75 in. Lockard also finished 13th in the discus, throwing the discus 95 ft. 5 in. and Detzler also won that event with a throw of 157 ft. 4 in.

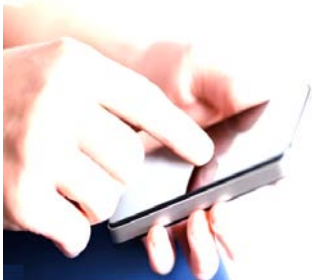
Eagle junior Salomon Acevedo finished 12th in the 100 m. with a time of 12.13 sec. Days Creek senior Keith Gaskell won the event in 11.45 sec. McKenzie sophomore Allen Acevedo ran a Personal Record, 10th place time of 25.54 seconds in the 200 m. and

Salomon Acevedo finished 11th with a finish time of 25.74 sec. Gaskell also won the 200 m. in a time of 23.95 sec. Eagle freshman Will Meister finished his 3000 m. race in 12th place with a time of 13:22.62 min. Luke DeVault won the 3000 m. event from Crosspoint Christian in 10:03.53 min.

McKenzie senior Trent Peek Van Sickle finished the 300 m. hurdles with a time of 50.73 sec., which was an 11th place finish. North Douglas’ Logan Gant won the event in a time of 44.14 sec.

The Eagle 4x400 m. relay foursome of Meister, A. Acevedo, S. Acevedo, and Van Sickle finished 6th, the highest McKenzie event finish of the meet, timed in 4:15.14 min. Triangle Lake (Mitch Dumford, Porter Overvaugh, Yosiah Baker, Viggo Beck) won the 4x400 m. relay in 3:43.82 min. The Eagle 4x100 m. relay team of A. Acevedo, S. Acevedo, Van Sickle, and Meister finished the race in a 10th place time of 50.20 sec. Lost River (Augustin Cisneros, Juan Hernandez, Amadeus Hernandez, Jonathon Flores) won the 4x100 m relay in a time of 45.32 sec.

Letters to the Editor



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WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE
US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM

Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases
5/16	84	53	0	1,353 cfs
5/17	1,364	cfs		
5/18	83	56	0	NA
5/19	83	55	0	1,375 cfs
5/20	85	57	0	1,410 cfs
5/21	66	55	0	1,410 cfs
5/22	64	48	0	1,410 cfs

READINGS TAKEN AT
EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE

Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
5/16	85	52	0	7,030 cfs
5/17	85	52	0	7,100 cfs
5/18	89	52	0	6,780 cfs
5/19	79	57	0	6,810 cfs
5/20	82	53	0	6,870 cfs
5/21	80	54	0	6,610 cfs
5/22	65	44	0	6,120 cfs

Friday 5/26		Saturday 5/27		Sunday 5/28	
McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 80 Low: 52	Santiam Pass Showers 50% chance precip High: 62 Low: 43	McKenzie Valley AM Clouds 10% chance precip High: 76 Low: 51	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 63 Low: 41	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 73 Low: 49	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 61 Low: 39

Sheriff's Report

May 14: 8:05 a.m: Theft - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd. Two bicycles were reported to have been stolen from a truck in a parking lot. They are described as a 'Switchblade' mountain bike that's blue with red lettering and a 'Mach429' bike that's green with white lettering.

May 15: 11:31 a.m: Theft, Follow Up - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd.**5:46 p.m:** Assist Fire department - 7500 blk, Thurston Rd.

May 16: 11:26 a.m: Assist Public - 88800 blk, Bridge St.

12:00 p.m: Theft - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd.

8:36 p.m: Shots Fired - 39000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd.

9:19 p.m: Theft - 54900 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that

their vehicle was broken into and an undisclosed amount of cash was stolen.

May 17: 1:47 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Blue River area.

3:35 p.m: Dog at Large - Crooked Creek staging site.

5:17 p.m: Threat, Extortion - 40100 blk, York Ln. A caller reported that an unknown person on the internet was distributing photos of the caller's son.

6:19 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 81899 blk, Taylor Rd.

6:27 p.m: Foot Patrol - Walterville Pond.

6:36 p.m: Animal Complaint - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.

May 18: 1:23 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 91900 blk, Taylor Rd.

3:48 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Taylor Rd.

4:31 p.m: Harassment - 40500 blk, Mohawk River Rd. A caller reported that a neighbor continuously hangs around the fence line taunting the caller's dogs. The caller additionally

reported the neighbor has made threats to shoot the caller's dogs.

6:07 p.m: Screaming - 95200 blk, Marcola Rd. A blue sedan, possibly a Subaru, was seen driving by very fast. A female in the car was heard screaming.

6:30 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Angels Flight Rd.

6:44 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Angels Flight Rd.

7:17 p.m: Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:59 p.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 92200 blk, Murdoch St.

7:59 p.m: Harassment - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Ongoing issue with a neighbor. The caller reported that the neighbor takes photos and video records the caller when the caller is outside. Additionally the neighbor has pointed a spotlight at the caller's kitchen window.

May 19: 5:20 p.m: Welfare Check - 91100 blk, McCauley St.

5:40 p.m: Welfare Check - 49500 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:15 p.m: Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

May 19: 3:01 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Goodpasture Rd.

3:13 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Goodpasture Rd.

8:23 p.m: Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

9:14 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 35200 blk, camp creek Rd.

May 20: 12:07 a.m: Disabled Vehicle - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

2:44 p.m: Animal Complaint - 39500 blk, Howard Rd.

3:36 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & N. Bank Rd.

4:06 p.m: Water Rescue - McK. Hwy. Milepost 43.

4:42 p.m: Assist Public - Angels Flight Rd. & McK. Hwy.

5:04 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & N. Bank Rd.

6:45 p.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - Blue River Dr. & Rose St.

May 21: 12:51 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - Tamolitch Falls. A female that appeared sad was seen sitting at the base of the trailhead. She was asking for directions to the pool. Caller was concerned she might be lost. Call referred to Linn County.

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State Police Report

May 21: 18:32: Assist Outside Agency - Hwy. 126 E & Holden Creek Lane. Troopers assisted LCSO deputies with a vehicle pursuit on Hwy. 126. Spike strips were successfully deployed near Milepost 18. The vehicle came to a stop after losing all tires and the female driver was taken into custody. Involved: gold Honda Accord, 38-year old female from Florence.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

May 15: 12:38: 45000 block, Goodpasture Rd. Fire, Brush. Fire Extinguished.

17:35: 7500 blk, Thurston Rd. Fire, Structural. Fire Extinguished..

17:52: 88000 blk, Buck Point Way. Medical, General. Patient Transported.

20:29: 1000 blk, Billings Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

May 16: 7:31: 89000 blk, Upper Johnson Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

17:25: 8700 blk, McK. Hwy. Carbon Monoxide Alarm. False Alarm.

May 17: 9:38: 46000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

19:00: 47000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Assessed, 1 Transported.

May 18: 10:14: 90000 blk, Sunderman Rd. Mutual Aid Provided.

12:33: 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Lift Assist.

14:44: Omlid Dr. Fire, Electrical. Fire Out on Arrival.




May 19: 16:43: 87000 blk, Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, General.

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

May 16: 09:08: Public Assist - 55000 block, McK. River Dr. Battery outside the trailer is smoking and leaking, smells like rotten eggs, no flames seen.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21st, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.



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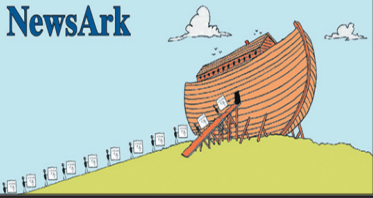
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Our move to Oregon: (1935)



Left, my mother’s sister visiting from Alhambra, Bert Zabel; middle. my Dad, and right, my mother.

By Maureen Trullinger,
nee Barrows

In about 1934 my parents, Maurice and Rose Barrows, decided they wanted to buy and run a resort on the West Coast — at least my father did. I’m not sure how mother felt about that. Much later she told me she was a “big-city girl” and had not been really happy living in the mountains. They researched and wrote letters to real estate brokers, then drove west from Indiana to look over several sites - I think this may have been early in 1935. They saw one or two, then just happened to be in Eugene and dropped into a real estate office. They were told of a place on the McKenzie River (Rainbow Lodge) and decided to look. When they saw it, they looked no further. They went back to Indianapolis, sold their house, rented a moving van, hired a young man named “J.P.” to drive the van while we followed in the

car, and set off for the McKenzie River.

In June, 1935, my parents bought Rainbow Lodge from an older couple, Mr. and Mrs. John (?) Merriman. (One historical source I found says that it was a Mr. Quimby who sold it to us, but I have always thought it was the Merrimans.) Rainbow Lodge consisted of about 48 acres, two acres along the river and the rest on the other side of the road and extending back into the forest. On the river side was a grocery store, a gas pump, two large water wheels, and a cage on stilts containing a cougar named Tom, a bay lynx (wildcat) named Judy, and two porcupines. The animals were there to draw tourists. On the other side of the road was a big three story house and a water tower, set back behind a lawn containing several large fir trees, and between two fenced fields.

Beyond the field to the east was a large green “barn” that housed a Delco Remy electric generator and equipment.

Rainbow was 48 miles east of Eugene (6 miles east of Blue River and 4 miles west of McKenzie Bridge). It was listed on the map as “Rainbow” and there was even a post office. (My father became postmaster until the office closed in 1937.) The Merrimans had served meals in the small restaurant at the back of the store, but my parents didn’t want to run a restaurant. Instead, during the next few years they built five cottages on the river side, then a house for us next to the store. The largest cottage was two stories and was called Green Gables. Just west of our house on the river they built Wee House, Old Man River, Lazy Bones and Look Out. They also built a platform upon which they erected a tent. Tourists came from all over the U.S. President Hoover had fished the McKenzie, so it was pretty well known. They sold the 46 acres across the road from the river to Bruce Forbes, and we lived in Wee House while our new house was being built. Dad became friends with a carpenter named Glen, and they did all the construction themselves.

While we still lived in the big house there was a cow, chickens, and some big pigs in a barn yard behind the house. My father butchered one pig by slitting its throat and hanging it up by the hind feet to bleed. He made me watch. Mother was furious with him - I think he wanted to educate me in the ways of farming. Dad also tried to teach me how to milk a cow when I was still four years old that spring. I didn’t have the strength in my hands. I preferred to watch him squirt milk at our cat — she’d sit there with her mouth open for the squirts, and looked so funny with beads of milk all over her black face and

white whiskers. I vividly remember Dad cussing that cow — while he was milking her she used to flip her tail at flies, and the tail would swish him in the face. He thought he had a bright idea and tied one of mother’s heavy irons (the type that were heated on a wood stove) to the cow’s tail to weight it down. I guess he didn’t know how strong that tail was — it bonked him, iron and all, right on the side of his head.

My parents wanted to have a dog, and they had heard of a breeder on the river who raised Terhune Scotch Collies. So we drove there one day and came back with a male puppy we named Husky. He grew to 105 lbs. and could stand up and put his paws on my Dad’s shoulders. Husky was my constant companion and guardian. I used to sit on the porch of the store once each week and brush him until I had a whole grocery sack of “under fur.” One time when Dad was in Eugene it was early evening and a hitchhiker came down the highway and asked mother for something - perhaps food, or money. Husky stood in front of mother, sideways, to protect her. The man left. Mother loved that dog, as we all did. Husky used to go with me when I would explore the forest behind the big house. There was a dirt road and a couple of fish ponds, one with an old rotting rowboat on the bank that was a great place to play. The forest was mostly fir trees, full of birds and wild flowers.

Husky slept on the porch, with our cat, Crisco, snuggled against his tummy. I still remember how he smelled when he was wet and how he’d shake all over me. Mom wouldn’t let him in the house until he was dry, but often she’d find him lying at my father’s feet as he sat in his big chair in the evening, listening to the radio or reading.

Continued Next Week



The water wheel at Rainbow.



By Slim Randles

Steve looked out from the turret of his cabin and watched the sun set behind the mountain. Branding is over for the spring, and he was able to get away from the ranch for a few days, so here he was, in his private castle, sipping private coffee, looking down at his private horse eating hay in his private corral.

For a man who has spent most of his life in someone else’s bunkhouse, a suite at the Ritz couldn’t be more wonderful than this little hole-up spot in the mountains.

He slid open one of the turret windows and let the warm breeze of early summer caress his magnificent mustache.

“That does it!” he said.

He closed the window, climbed down the ladder and went out to saddle Ol’ Snort. In a few minutes the two of them were heading along a little trail near Thompson Ridge, feeling the warm breeze, wondering how many more of these evenings they would share. Steve and Snort were both getting years on them, but they have this evening. They have this ride. They are together now.

And it was like taking a dry bath in paradise.

Steve reached down and patted Snort on the neck. “You know, O.S.,” Steve said, “can you think of a luckier man/horse combination than us? I can’t. Not right at the moment, anyway.”

Snort was used to listening to Steve, but blissfully he wasn’t required to do anything but walk along this mountain trail enjoying the evening.

“What do you think, old boy?”

Ol’ Snort reached his head out and blew his nose.

“I knew you felt the same way,” said Steve, smiling.

Sometimes heaven comes in small doses.

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Sheriff’s Report

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11:28 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that his wife went to the hot springs alone. Deputies contacted her at the Vida Café.

7:07 p.m: Alarm - 91100 blk, Sunderman Rd.

May 22: 1:23 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 51100 blk, McK. Hwy.

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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Homegrown habitats



By Erica Browne Grivas

Pollinators need our help. From birds and bees to butterflies and other crucial insects, pollinators’ numbers are declining as loss of habitat, weed pressure and climate change chip away at delicate ecosystems. The myriad ways they support the planet include helping to create one out of three bites of food we take.

But there’s good news — homegrown habitats can make a difference. In “Nature’s Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation,” ecologist Douglas Tallamy calls for homeowners to convert their lawns into conservation corridors of wildflowers — and people are answering the call. You can start with a patio pot, the strip of land between your street and sidewalk (aka “hellstrip”) or the back 40 — but you can’t just use any packet of wildflower seeds. It’s crucial to pick the right plants to entice local pollinators.

Some pollinators are generalists, some are species-specific. Local natives are the perfect option for native pollinators.

However, many pollinators will happily dine on multiple plants. Some popular families are the vast Aster (sunflowers, coneflowers), Salvia (sage and rosemary) and Mint (mint, lavender, basil, hyssop, monarda) botanical families, which offer abundant choices. Here are some local experts’ favorite choices and tips for selecting pollinator-friendly

plants for your garden.

Shooting Star Nursery in Central Point, Oregon, hosts several beehives on the property and offers preplanned pollinator collections for either sun or shade. Co-owner and landscape designer Christie Mackison says while they have been focusing on pollinators for over 10 years, more customers are asking for pollinator-friendly plants on the shelves and in home designs.

A year-round buffet

It’s especially important to include food sources that flower and fruit in fall and winter when food is scarce, not just the warmer seasons.

Mackison recommends early flowering plants like natives Mahonia repens, a ground cover, and M. compacta, a shrub topping out at 2.5 feet. Manzanitas are another early, drought-tolerant favorite.

Ron Guilford, manager for Blooming Junction in Cornelius, Oregon, favors vanilla-scented Sarcococca ruscifolia, a shade-tolerant, evergreen shrub for early spring pollinators.

For summer, Mackison suggests

heathers (Calluna vulgaris cultivars) and catmint like Nepeta racemosa ‘Walker’s Low’, which provides flowers and sustenance over a long season. Rhamnus californica, or coffeeberry, is another favorite. “It’s just a good wildlife plant all over,” she says. The nondescript but nectar-filled flowers draw legions of bees and flies, and then birds feast on the berries.

In fall, she recommends perennial sunflower Helianthus ‘Lemon Queen’, and flowering buckwheat (Eriogonum umbellatum v. aureum ‘Kannah Creek’). That cultivar is low-growing, adaptable to many conditions and doesn’t go dormant.

Guilford’s summer and fall choices include Agastache ‘Blue Boa’, a bee haven, and black-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia spp.), which attracts bees and butterflies, including the endangered Monarch. He especially likes towering R. laciniata ‘Herbstsonne’ for its regal presence. Fragrant (and mildew-resistant) summer Phlox paniculata ‘David’ adds clusters of white flowers. Lastly, Gaura lindheimeri ‘Whirling Butterflies’ attracts bees, butterflies and hummingbirds all the way through October.

Leigh Geschwill, owner of F & B Farms and Nursery and the retail Happy Bee Garden Center in Woodburn, echoed all of our experts’ love of herbs for feeding wildlife (and humans, too) — many are fragrant, long-blooming, perennial and drought-tolerant. She loves Calendula (a half-hardy annual with edible flowers) and compact lavender ‘Thumbelina’.

But Geschwill also says you can welcome the birds, bees and butterflies with annuals in your windowboxes and summer containers — especially if you look for compact varieties. A few of her favorites include easy-to-grow zinnias, tidy and heat-proof ‘Shamrock™’ lantana, Salvia Salgoon® and a new compact yellow cosmos, Cosmos sulphureus ‘Limara Lemon’.

“You always find bees sleeping in cosmos in the morning,” she says.

Then there are some annuals gardeners typically deadhead that can benefit pollinators and beneficial insects. Consider leaving a few blooms on your coleus — with newer varieties, she says, bolting is less of a concern. And in the veggie patch, if your brassicas do bolt, instead of reaching for the trowel, go take a well-earned nap — the bees will thank you for those acid-yellow

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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



SAVING CLUTTER, TOSSING CLUTTER

As we go through our lives, we accumulate a mass of odds and ends that we “might use someday.” We have family memorabilia, books, papers, clothing, fabric, toys, craft supplies and more. What do we keep and when do we close our eyes and toss? Then we may have to move and that forces us to make decisions.

For the past year, I’ve been “decluttering.” I’ve had to sell the house where my husband and I lived for 43 years and discovered that both of us were collectors. I’ve moved into much smaller quarters and could not take most of it with me.

With family memorabilia I’ve passed much along to family members who are interested in family history and collectibles. Some I’ve kept so I can enjoy it for awhile longer, until I make decisions about who would appreciate it most.

Old Memorabilia Includes:

- * The pink cherry Depression glass cake plate my parents received as a wedding gift in 1934. A friend gave it to them laden with chocolate covered cherry candy... my dad’s favorite.
- * The wooden oval bowl in which we chopped cabbage and other vegetables to make coleslaw. Mother also chopped corned beef, potatoes and onions in it for corned beef hash.
- * The Big Apple cookie jar my mom received as a gift one Christmas. We children enjoyed dipping into it for cookie treats.
- * Bits and pieces of the “Company” dinnerware Mother used when we had guests. She and Father purchased shortly after their marriage. I found the receipt for it among her papers.

Pieces of the first dinnerware set for two my mother-in-law collected from soap powder boxes. She gave it to Jim and me. Does anyone recall the Golden Wheat dinnerware?

Items like these are treasures

I’m pleased my daughter and niece may treasure and want to save eventually, along with the family stories..

A Recipe from Mother’s Collection

CORNSTARCH PUDDING

- This was a basic dessert that Mother often served with fruit spooned over it or stirred into the pudding. When it was made very thick, she used it for a cake filling or for pie.

Cook over a double boiler, stirring frequently, until thickened - 1 1/2 quarts milk, 1-cup sugar, 3 tablespoons cornstarch that have been dissolved in 1/4 cup of the milk, dash of salt. When thick, add 1 teaspoon vanilla and let cool.

One of my aunts often stirred in cut up pieces of oranges just before serving for an Orange Pudding. For cake or pie filling use 5 tablespoons cornstarch.

If you want **CHOCOLATE PUDDING**, add 3 teaspoons cocoa to the cornstarch before dissolving in milk.

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(Mary Emma Allen writes for children and adults from her home in the NH woods.)

Quote of the Week

“It’s tough to make predictions, especially about the future.”

Yogi Berra

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Community Notes

Scam Alert

The Lane County Sheriff’s Of- fice has received multiple reports of a telephone scam that targets businesses and their employees. The scammers commonly identify themselves to employees over the telephone as managers or owners of the business. The scammers will then attempt to convince the employee to deposit cash from the registers into a 3rd party financial system such as bitcoin machines to pay official business bills. Scams such as this commonly originate from outside of the country and are very difficult to investigate. Please use caution and trust your instincts if you believe you are falling victim to a scam.

In some instances the scammers appear to call from official phone numbers and/or provide fraudu- lent callback numbers with voice- mail inboxes.

May 26
McKenzie Food Pantry

Free groceries provided in ac- cordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guide- lines for food distribution to those in need. 2nd & 4th Friday, at Mc- Kenzie 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.

May 27
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 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.

May 29
Springfield School Board

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

May 30
BCC Meeting

Lane County Board of Com- missioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene,The Board of Com- missioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless other- wise noted on the published agen- da. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednes- day Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

May 30
Family Story Time

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

May 31
BCC Meeting

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June 2
First Friday

First Fridays at Finn Rock Reach are fromm 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.

June 2
Cornhole League

People interested in forming a Cornhole League can sign up at a member’s meeting from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Upper McKenzie Community Center in Rainbow. Days and times will depend on people’s availability during the sign-up at 54745 McKenzie River Drive.

June 2
UMCC Annual Mtg

The Upper McKenzie Community Center’s Annual Members Meeting will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. at 54745 McKenzie River Drive. Tour the community center and see the newly remodeled kitchen and bathrooms,get updates, learn about the UMCC’s goals and future plans, and meet the board members and cast your ballots. There will also be a potluck, so bring a dish, side, or app to share (bring tableware if you can).

June 3 & 4
DRACO Sale

The Annual DRACO “That’s Incredible!” Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Sunday, June 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with sale sites throughout the Deerhorn Ranch Acres Neighborhood - all in one nice, easy-to-walk location. Antiques, tools, sporting goods, and tons of miscellaneous. Location: 6 mi. east of Walterville on Hwy 126, near mp 17. Follow the signs across the bridge to the sales.

June 3
Start & Seed Swap


Want plant starts? Have any plant starts to share? Come to the McKenzie River Valley Start and Seed Swap (Giveaway) in downtown Blue River June 3 from 9 to noon at 51748 Cascade Street in Blue River. You don’t need to bring anything with you, but if you have plants/seeds to share, please do. All varieties of plants and seeds welcome - vegetables, ornamentals, cuttings, annuals, perennials, flowers, natives. For more information contact Sarah Hunter at 541-632-3636 and leave a message.

June 3
Living River Day

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June 3
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June 4
Pride Outside

A Pride Outside Bird Walk will be held from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Green Island in Eugene. The McKenzie River Trust is inviting LGBTQIA2S+ friends and neighbors to the island for a morning bird walk at the Willamette Confluence. Led by queer local bird nerds, this walk will be full of fun and education for birders of all ages and levels.

June 4
Boat Inspections

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office is partnering with Bi- Mart stores to sponsor Free Boat Inspections to help boaters prepare for the summer season. It will be held on Sunday, June 4th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Mohawk Bi-Mart, 1521 Mohawk Blvd, in Springfield. Bring your boat (any kind) for a free inspection.

June 6
BCC Meeting

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June 6
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.

June 6
Family Story Time

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June 11
Farming for Vets

A coffee & chat for Veteran Farmers (and those exploring farming) will be held on Sunday, June 11th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Topics will include networking and resource sharing, along with a potluck. Bring a dish to share if you’d like, or just show up and get to know your neighbor- ing Veteran Farmers. It will be held in Springfield (location pro- vided with RSVP) Please RSVP online: tinyurl.com/2d5vphjw or contact Crystal directly via email kelsocr@oregonstate.eduPlease let us know if you would like any help with accommodations or re- quests.

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Canal controversy

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in the generation of over 2,000 logging truckloads. “In another 25 to 30 years another 2,000 trucks will need to come out,” he warned based on the typical rotation cycles for timber harvesting. In addition, he noted that the Whitewater Ranch harvested 65,000 pounds of blueberries last year and has a goal of increasing its output to a million pounds per year.

Blueberry harvests would also generate truck traffic which he said would amount to about 100 trips using 52 - 53 foot long refrigerated trucks. Russell said those “are real

numbers of what the impact of what these decisions are.”

Commissioner Matt McRae answered a question about why the project was being decommissioned by pointing to several sections of the canal that have to have major structural repairs. They were without “the understanding of the serious risks in the 1930s,” he noted, adding that “the center of the canal is made out of liquefiable soils and that means if it was wet when an earthquake happened it would just kind of melt away like butter and that’s where the cost of canal repair comes from.”



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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

Pride Goeth...



My boyfriend’s daughter (I’ll call her Mary) got married six months ago. She is 19 and pregnant. My boyfriend (I’ll call him John) didn’t go to the wedding because he disapproved of her husband and the marriage. The reason he gave for not attending was it would make him a hypocrite in front of his other children if he went. This caused a huge rift between John and Mary, and they have not spoken since the wedding. Before this, they were very close, talking almost every day. Mary’s baby is due any day now. I told Mary it would be a shame not to allow her baby a chance to know its grandfather. She said John could see the baby if he wanted, but she is unwilling to make the first move. I talked to John this morning and told him I think they are both stubborn as donkeys. John

is firm in his stance, saying it is a matter of principle. He says by not compromising, he is able to sleep at night. I am not sure John is using the term “principle” correctly, since I don’t understand what principle this involves. The dictionary defines a principle as a rule of conduct, or something which is important. In my opinion, establishing communication with Mary wouldn’t compromise his principles, since it seems his objective was not alienating his daughter but boycotting the wedding. Is there some principle involved here? Trina Trina, when you are a parent, all you can do is get your children to a certain point. After that, they are on their own. Parents are not like pear trees, putting out only pear seeds. Humans are free to follow a different course. Wisely or not, Mary can decide who she marries. She married a man John dislikes, and she is pregnant. That’s a fact, not a principle. As a parent, John punished Mary by not attending the wedding. It was a harsh punishment. Girls dream of walking down the aisle on their father’s arm, and Mary has no wedding pictures with her dad in them. After you punish a child, you move on. You don’t punish

them again and again for the same offense. Whatever John’s pride required should have been satisfied. All the rest is revenge. The only principle here is anger. John is angry his authority over Mary was undermined. For the sake of vanity, he is ready to create a permanent rift in the family. On birthdays, holidays and other occasions, the family won’t be together as a unit, and in a short time, the repercussions of his actions may be too far advanced to reverse. If John cannot behave himself around Mary and her husband, it is best not to be around them. But the principle he violates is placing pride above love. Wayne & Tamara Looking Forward I am involved in a relationship for the past seven years. Recently I asked my partner what his future plans are for us. His answer was, “I don’t know.” Am I wasting my time? Nadine Nadine, if you have to approach the topic of marriage so gingerly, you already know the answer. If your partner wanted to make things permanent, you wouldn’t need to ask. It’s hard to walk away from a casino table when you’ve been losing. You naturally want to win back what you’ve lost. You lost three years, then four, and now seven. It’s time to walk away. He’s had the benefits, and you’ve taken the loss. He hasn’t given you the one thing you want. Chances are he has known for a

long time he doesn’t want to make you his wife. You will learn a lesson if you end this relationship on your own terms. You will have learned not to let things drag on with someone who doesn’t have those feelings which add up to marriage. Wayne & Tamara 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

The Poetry Foundation is now providing a Poem of the Day. West of Silicon Valley By T. Zachary Cotler A field of thistles, discharging concentric waves of negative theology, on a mountainside, would certainly suffice as a source of the ever-obtainable not enough sought state of subtle shock if he’d close this computer and walk up the summit road until the sea’s in view. And maybe in the southeast wind, in broadcast waveform data therein,

microsystems stocks he has been checking, clicking all day like an addict gambler, will float up until red numbers cross the black horizon into green—two redtail hawks float up on a thermal— maybe even make some money while you’re up here— ask why is each second so charged with a feeling of living in freak Götterdämmerung days of live free radical notion or die into negative white on white sun pride burning away, but equally charged with utopian headlong longevity crowing— why can’t I be steady? Why is my only balance built of collisions and cancelings-out of such sharp spike-of-chaos moods?

Field of thistles, red and green. Fields of dollars, thistles, solidi and yen and rand and rupees blowing off the curve of land.

Theodore Zachary Cotler was born in Passaic, New Jersey, in 1981 and raised in Marin County, California. Cotler earned a BA in English from Cornell University in 2003 and an MFA in poetry from the Iowa Writers’ Workshop in 2008. He is the author of the novel *Ghost at the Loom* (2014), the critical monograph *Elegies for Humanism* (2014), and the poetry collections *Supplice* (2014), *Sonnets to the Humans* (2013) and *House with a Dark Sky Roof* (2011). His awards include the Sawtooth Prize, the Amy Clampitt Residency, and the Ruth Lilly Fellowship. He’s a founding editor of *The Winter Anthology*.

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

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Events from May 25th

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Fri May 12th 4:00pm - Thu Jun 1st 7:30pm

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Wed May 17th 7:00pm - Mon Jun 5th 8:00pm

Upper McKenzie Fire District Board


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



Fri May 26th 11:00am - 1:00pm

McKenzie River Food Pantry


Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in



Sat May 27th 10:00am - 12:00pm

A Dime At A Time


Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting - Saturday morning sorting sessions every Saturday from 10-noon. Donations can be dropped off



Sat May 27th 8:00am - 4:00pm

Living River Exploration Day


Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-



Mon May 29th 7:00pm

Springfield School Board Meeting


The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (except July). Regular business meetings begin at 7 pm on the 2nd ...



Wed May 31st

Lane County Board of Commissioners


The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.



Sat May 27th 9:00am - Sun 28th 1:00pm

VFW Chicken BBQ


It's that time again - Memorial Day Drive thru chicken BBQ. Starting at 9 am and go until we sell out! Menu includes: 1/2 Chicken \$9, Sides ...



Tue May 30th

Lane County Board of Commissioners


The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular



Tue May 30th 10:00am - 11:00am

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Homegrown habitats

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flowers.

More tips for creating a pollinator-friendly space

In addition to picking the right plants, key strategies can help make your yard a thriving ecosystem and a pollinator powerhouse, Ellen Egan of Salem, Oregon’s Egan Gardens suggests.

Plant in groups

Pollinators will have an easier time finding your flowers in groups of three or more rather than singles dotted around the garden. Think runway versus helipad.

Collect a mix of shapes and colors

To attract the richest biodiversity,

weave a collage of umbels, spikes, globes, bells/trumpets and daisies. For example, hummingbirds need tubular flowers, which range from native Mahonia to Salvia and petunias. As a bonus, the contrast makes for dynamic designs, too.

Avoid pesticides

Even natural pesticides can negatively impact pollinators. You may need to accept a few chomped leaves until beneficial insects take care of unwanted ones. If you use a pesticide such as neem oil, do so in the late evening or early morning when pollinators are less active.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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May 21: 0:36: 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, Refusal Signed

15:06: Omlid Dr. Legal Backyard Burn. Legal Backyard Burn Pile.

23:15: 1100 blk, 66th St Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, June 19th at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

Class to tackle climate change

WasteWise Lane County’s Master Recycler Program—part of the Lane County Waste Management Division—is introducing a new course for all residents and businesses interested in taking decisive action to address climate change in Lane County.

The new “Sustainable Citizen Project”—running from June 6 to July 27—will teach program participants the highest-impact categories and the ‘right-now’ solutions to address the climate crisis, including actions to transform personal consumption, workplace practices, and governmental policy. Topics covered will include reducing wasted food, transportation, sustainability at home, land

management, electricity, materials management, and empowering women.

Class source material was adopted from Project Drawdown, a leading resource for science-based climate solutions.

“Optimism, collaboration, and action are the keystones of this new class,” said Master Recycler Program Coordinator Kelly Bell. “Successful participants will demonstrate knowledge of harms associated with high-impact categories and corresponding actions they can take to make improvements. And perhaps most importantly, they will share findings with each other, public officials, and business leaders while implementing

individual and group responses.”

The class will include facilitated discussion on weekly topics, videos, small group collaboration, presenters, tours, outside reading, and independent research.

An in-person class will be held Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m., June 7 through July 26, at the Waste Management Division in Glenwood. A separate online course will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m., from June 6 to July 27. Both groups will attend tours together.

Interested participants can register at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/masterrecyclers. Space is limited.

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.

Trout Stocking Schedule: Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8” to 10” hatchery fish this week were: Leaburg Lake – 1,400.

Fish Counts
May 20, Willamette Falls
Spring Chinook – 6,114
Steelhead – 2,027



A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

May 25 - Cape Meares, located just south of Tillamook Bay, bears the name of John Meares, one of the most interesting of the early sea explorers and fur traders. He was a retired lieutenant of the British navy who set sail for the North Pacific coast to trade with the natives. He built the first sailing ship in the Northwest and was the first to attempt to export logs, but the ship wrecked and the cargo was lost. In July 1788 Captain John Mears thought he had found the entrance to a great river but decided it was nothing more than a large bay. He named the promontory on the north side of this “bay” Cape Disappointment and sailed on, never realizing that, if he had challenged the breakers at the entrance, he would have been the first to sail into the Columbia River, the fabled great River of the West.

Paid for shade

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Native trees and shrubs planted along a tributary of the Rogue River in an effort to reduce water temperatures, part of Medford, Oregon’s water quality program.

per Willamette watershed.”

Besides covering the costs of the plants, site prep and planting, the partnership will also remove invasive vegetation such as Himalayan blackberry and install livestock exclusion fencing if needed. Not only is there no cost share or work share, but landowners will receive yearly lease payments that average \$350 per year per acre for participating in the program.

The Freshwater Trust notes a number of anticipated impacts should include things like long-term suppression of invasive vegetation, decreasing minor to

moderate bank erosion while helping to decrease threats of flooding.

The planting program was developed through the cooperation of local watershed councils the Pure Water Partners, and the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission, as well as local suppliers and contractors.

To learn more about the stream-side planting program or to schedule a no-obligation site visit, contact Alexis Graves, Restoration Program Coordinator at alexis@thefreshwatertrust.org or call (925) 719-7926.

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