**McKenzie River Reflections**

Delivering targeted news for the McKenzie Valley’s communities since 1978

**JP Doodles**

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

**Honorng all**

Remembering the service members who fought and died to secure our many freedoms and keep 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 Willamette, 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 spokesperson, 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 Upstream Project.”

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**May 16 Election results**

Law levy and incumbents were voted back in

**McKenzie School District**

Position 1
Danna Brownell 396 52.94%
Taya Brock 352 47.06%

Position 2
Sarah Mackenzie 421 54.53%
Kali Harmon 349 45.47%

Position 3
Alyssa Brownlee 388 45.11%
Max Metcalfe 329 45.89%

Position 5
Jason Wilkerson 393 45.79%
Justin Barker 315 45.06%

Springfield School District

Position 1
Ken Hof 5,706 52.46%
Violet Ohly 5,858 52.19%

Position 2
Geena Davis 785 72.22%
Heather Quaas-Knott 335 27.78%

Position 3
Nicole DeGraff 5,702 51.63%
Anthony Reed 5,209 49.37%

**McKenzie-Palisade Water District**

Position 2
Deneen Acree 38 100%

Position 3
Cory Walker 38 100%

Position 4
Chris Deneen 38 100%

Position 5
Karen Mitzi 38 100%

**LCSO deputy observed a gold Honda Accord traveling eastbound on 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.**

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EWEB hears local community’s concerns

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Many veterans struggle with substance use and mental health disorders, often leading to overuse of alcohol & drugs, and dangerous crime accountable. McNieke is unique because veterans often have complex medical needs that are not covered by the VA. The Veterans Crisis Line, 1-800-273-8255, and the LifeLine for Vets, 1-888-777-4443, have the ability to hold those accused of violent crime accountable.

In Oregon are over 280,000 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 among veterans aged 18 and older. Suicidal thoughts and behaviors are common among veterans ages 18 to 49.

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, there are other support options to consider:

- The Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs provides numerous services and support;
- • Helpful hotlines include the 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 needs.

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 Rausin is a Community Outreach Coordinator for Addicted.org, passionate about spreading awareness of the risks and dangers of alcohol & drug use.
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. A caller reported the neighbor has 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.

May 17: 1:47 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Blue River area. A caller reported that their vehicle was broken into and an undisclosed amount of cash was stolen.

May 21: 12:51 a.m: Theft - 59200 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that their vehicle was broken into and an undisclosed amount of cash was stolen.

May 16: 11:26 a.m: Assist Public - 88800 blk, Bridge St. A caller reported that an unknown person reported that an undisclosed amount of cash was stolen.

May 18: 1:23 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 91400 blk, Taylor Rd.

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

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

May 19: 16:43: Citizen Contact - Tamolitch Falls. A female that appeared sad was seen setting at the base of the trailhead. She was asking for directions to the pool. Call referred to Linn County.

May 21: 12:51 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - Tamolitch Falls. A female that appeared sad was seen setting at the base of the trailhead. She was asking for directions to the pool. Call referred to Linn County.
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, Mau- rice 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 bro- kers, 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 de- cided 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.

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An Invitation to Worship

NATURESCAPING & FIRE-RESILIENT LANDSCAPING WORKSHOP

June 6, 9:00am-3:00pm
Living Water Fire & Emergency Center
42670 McKenzie Hwy, Vale, OR 97989

Native plants save time and money while also protecting water quality and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat. The ‘right plants in the right place’ fight invasive species, reduce chemical use, and create defensible space.

Participants will receive a Fire Resistant Landscaping Guide developed by UO landscape architecture students. RSVP requested by May 31st contact Nancy: 541-685-7439 nancy.tob@gmail.com

McKenzie Valley Bible Fellowship

McKenzie Bible Fellowship is an Oregon Bible Church Church. We are committed to living Bible-shaped lives that are marked by love, grace, and mercy.

To get involved, please stop by the church or email us at info@mczn.org. We look forward to meeting you soon!

Living Water Family Fellowship

25335 McKenzie Hwy, MP 15.4
Cottage Grove, OR 97424
541-747-2640
E-mail: info@lwwf.org

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 businesses. The scammers will then attempt to convince the employee to deposit cash from the registers into a 3rd party financial system using bitcoin machines to pay off official business bills. Scams such as this commonly originate from outside 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 fraudula- lent callback numbers with voice- mail inbox.

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 cat. 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 with the place names project 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 McKenzie Bridge Christian Church 50th anniversary is held every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

May 28 Springfield School Board

7 p.m - 8:30 p.m. The Board of Directors meet in the Administrative Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

May 30 County Meeting

Lane County Board of Com- missioners. Harris, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene. The Board of Com- missioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris, unless other- wise noted on the published aven- 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 Friendship Hall, 37529 Upper Creek Rd.

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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 - 7 p.m. at 54745 McKenzie River Drive. Tour the community center and see the newly renovated kitchen and bathroom. 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 come, bring a dish, side, or app to share (bring tableware if you can).

June 4 DRACO Sale

The Annual DRACO “That’s Incredible!” Garage Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with sale sites throughout the McKenzie River Valley. Bring your boat (any kind) for a free inspection.

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June 6 Start & Seed Swap

Want plant starts? Have any plants/seeds to share? Come to the McKenzie River Valley Start and Seed Swap (Giveaway) in downtown Blue River June 3 from 9 to noon in 11748 Chance 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, trees, shrubs, and more. For more information contact Sarah Hunter at 541-632-3636 and leave a message.

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June 6 Coffee & Locals

Meet at the McKenzie Bridge General Store, 91837 Taylor Rd. Have a cup of coffee with locals (paid 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

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

June 7 BCC Meeting

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

June 11 Farming for Vets

A coffee & chat for Veteran farmers and those whom farming will be held on Sunday, June 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Topics will include networking and resource sharing, along with a potluck. Bring a dish to share and talk with those who want to get up and get to know your neighbor- ing Veteran farmers. It will be held in Springfield (location pro- vided with RSVP). Please visit online: tinyurl.com/2d5pvjrh or contact Crystal directly via email kelsocr@oregonstate.edu Please let us know if you would like any help with accommodations or re- quests.

Stay in touch with events online with the McKenzie Community Events Calendar.

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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 John it would be shame not to allow her a 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 uprisin prise 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, when you are a parent, all you can do is get your children to a certain point. After that are on their own. Parents are not like pear trees, putting out only pear seeds. Putting out only pear seeds. Humans are free to follow a different course. Wisely or not, Mary can decide who she wants.

She married a man John dislikes, and she is pregnant. That’s a fact, not a principle. It says a parent, John punished Mary by not attending the wedding. It was a harsh punishment. Girl’s dream of walking down the aisle on her 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. When 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 John’s Vanities, he is ready to create a permanent rift in the family. On birthdays, holidays and other occasional times, he won’t be there as a unit, and in a short time, the repercussions of left unattended 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, if you have to approach the topic of marriage so gingerly, you probably do not know the answer. If your partner wanted to make things permanent, you wouldn’t be asking the question.

It’s hard to walk away from a casino table when you’ve been losing and especially when you’ve been losing for years. But you lost three years, then four, and now seven years. 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 happy. You will learn a lesson if this relationship on your own terms. You will learn 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 Catching in a Bushel, What Infidelity Does to the Victim, available from Amazon, Apple and most bookstores.

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 compartment and walk up the sumptuous road

until the sea’s in view.

and maybe in the southeast wind, in broadcast waveform data therein, he has been using checking, clicking all day like an addict gambler, will float up until red numbers cross the black horizon in green—two redtail hawks float up on a thermal—maybe even make some money while you’re up here—ask if you may see each season charged with a feeling of living in freak live free radical notion or die into negative white on sun pride, burning away, but equally charged with atopic headache longingly howing—howing—why can’t I be steady? Why is my only big challenge from collisions and cancellings-out of such sharp spike-of-chaos moods?

Field of thistles, red and green.

Fields of dollars, thistles, solid and yen and radars and rupees blowing off the curve of land.

Theodore Zachary Cotler was born in the Bronx, New York, in 1983 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 2009.

He is the author of the novel Ghost at the Leom (2014), the critical monograph Elegies for Howard (2014), and the poetry collections Supplicate (2014), Sonsents to the Humans (2013) and the 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.
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 waste, food, transportation, sustainability at home, land management, electricity, materi-als management, and empowering women.

Class source material was adapted 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 busi-ness leaders while implementing individual and group responses.”

The class will include facilitated discussion on weekly topics, vid-eos, small group collaboration, presentations, 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.

Paid for shade

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.

“a Fishery in Need”

Foreign salmon and steelhead hatchery fish this week were:

- All hatchery Chinook—6,114
- Spring Chinook—6,114
- Steelhead—2,027

By Rick Steber

May 20, Willamette Falls

Fishing

Report

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber

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