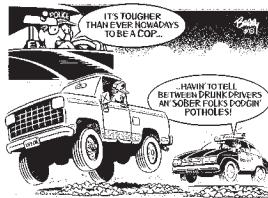




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Wreck injures two

Driver and passenger hospitalized



CLEAR LAKE CUTOFF: An accident last Friday near Milepost 13 sent two people to hospitals. Oregon State Police reports say a Toyota Yaris traveling eastbound shortly after noon made a quick left turn and was t-boned by an eastbound Chevy Tahoe that was attempting to pass. The driver of the Toyota, 66-year-old David Babb, was transported to St. Charles Hospital in Bend by Lifeflight with serious injuries. A passenger in the Toyota, 68-year-old Penelope Scott of Walternave, was transported by ambulance to Sacred Heart Riverbend Hospital with serious injuries.

Blue River reactivating public services

Increase in water rates is approved

Where two million gallons of water is going remains a mystery for the Blue River Water District. The suspected leak, however, wasn't behind the water board's vote to charge residential customers a \$25 monthly fee in addition to \$3.50 per thousand gallon for the water they use.

The missing amount seems alarming, but it's down a million gallons from a year ago thanks to upgrades to the system. Blue River isn't alone, according to Jason Carman, with the Rural Community Assistance Corporation. Carman told the board it's often referred to as "non-revenue water" and said solutions would come as a result of monitoring flows at the pump

station and replacing homesite meters that aren't working.

Following the Holiday Farm Fire, customer billings have dropped from 120 to 72. Expenses including maintenance, insurance, and electricity have gone up. Tax revenues also have declined by 75% due to the fire, according to board chair Joshua Cloke.

"The bottom line is we currently have about \$60,000 in expenses but are bringing in a total of \$30,000," reported board treasurer Tony Casad. "Even if we get the money from the county to rebuild the system we're still in the same position," he said. "The maintenance costs will go down, but not the other costs."

How the district has explained the situation to the public was a concern for Tim Herrera, a former board member himself. He said he couldn't find reports the district was relying on to make cost comparisons with other districts or minutes of board meetings. "If that could be available to me and everyone that would be a huge step in the right direction," Herrera said.

The district estimated rates could have gone from \$125 to \$150 per month to come out even.

"The reality is it will be two years before the system is rebuilt," Cloke said. "We don't have any choice but to raise rates."

Busy times at Pack N' Ship

Thurston store owner keeps her McKenzie connection

THURSTON: For Jen Nimmo, the month that's often been on her mind when looking at a calendar has arrived. Inside her Thurston Pack N' Ship store the reason for her interest in December is clear as a variety of people approach her counter.

It's hard to predict what might be inside the packages they're carrying. Quite often it could be a golf bag. Depending on the season, some of the outgoing shipments have included a variety of foodstuffs - like blueberries, salmon, rhubarb, or tuna. "And just the other day we shipped brown sugar and oysters to Germany," Jen said. "And though we can't ship them, I have packed several urns for people."

Customers can always utilize their professional packing service, although the shop does sell boxes and other shipping supplies. There are always items that need an extra bit of creative thinking. One was the custom box Jen built for a knee

scooter to give extra mobility to a recipient who'd broken an ankle. Also qualifying for the unusual items list were a cow hoof cup, a dollhouse log cabin, and a bong.

Shipping, packing, and mailbox rentals are among the services Pack N' Ship provides. Customers can also buy stamps or greeting cards, or do some faxing, laminating, copying, and scanning - along with printing out emails or texts.

"We try really hard to keep our atmosphere light and fun," Jen says. "I think it helps people stay calm and relax a little bit, especially during very stressful times."

Her routine now is in contrast to her prior 30 years of sitting at a desk doing office work. After that, she started working for the store's previous owner, "As a part-time gig mostly just for something to do (I was in school to become a vet tech) and I loved the place and he was ready to retire so it all

worked out."

People will often hear Jimmy Buffet on the radio when they walk in the door, because as Jen says, "You just can't be in a bad mood listening to Jimmy Buffet!" She also tells her three employees that if they're not happy and having fun they should be doing something else. "Life is too short and you only get one chance," is her philosophy. "At almost 50 years old I started a whole new life and I love it!"

Like too many McKenzie Valley residents, Jen was displaced when her Angels Fight home burned in the Holiday Farm Fire. "Right now we're in an apartment in Eugene and it doesn't look like we will be able to rebuild," she says. "We just want to move on so we have started looking at just buying a new place."

Despite living in Eugene, she is still spending time on the River after seeing a Bottle Boys post on Facebook. That led her to contact Matt Freedman and she's been helping out for the last six months. "Matt, Pete Petty, and Walt Wilson have been great to work with," she says. "My partner Steve goes up Wednesday mornings and helps out and we both go up on Saturdays." In addition, her Pack N' Ship Thurston location has become a convenient place for people to drop off the bottle donations.

It doesn't matter what people have in mind to get a package to its destination. Pack N' Ship utilizes all three carriers - FedEx, UPS, USPS. "Which is nice because

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Packages showing up at Jen Nimmo's Thurston shipping store might range from snowboards to airplane parts or from saddles to talking Chucky dolls.

Park readied for reopening

With the majority of dangerous trees now removed, plans are moving ahead to invite people back onto the grounds of the Blue River Park. At last week's meeting of the park's board of directors, the consensus was to keep vehicles out but let people in - as soon as informational signs are in place.

The signs, now on order, are intended to make people aware of newly planted delicate trees and shrubs. On November 6th over 70 volunteers spent the day

establishing over a half dozen varieties including Oregon grape, salal, wild roses, and huckleberries. All were placed in the area near the playground equipment and along the asphalt path by the old shelter, as well most of the upper portion of the park. The plantings were concentrated mainly around the park's central ring but it was feared they could be damaged if people aren't made aware of where not to walk.

Another volunteer planting day is planned for January 20th.

Hayden to run for Senate

In newly reconfigured District

FALL CREEK: State Representative Dr. Cedric Hayden (R-Fall Creek) announced this week that he will be seeking election to the newly-configured Senate District 6. The district is comprised of many of the Lane County communities Hayden currently represents, including the McKenzie Valley, Cottage Grove, Fall Creek, Oak Ridge, and Creswell. Additionally, the new district adds other Lane County communities like Junction City, Coburg, and Springfield, while also drawing in significant communities in Linn County such as Lebanon, Brownsburg, and Shedd. However, the new district disconnects from the Douglas County communities Hayden has served during his four terms in the Legislature.

Hayden said that moving onto the Senate won't change his legislative priorities for 2023.

"Healthcare continues to consume the largest share of both personal household income and the Legislature's budget. We must work to bring costs down, make

drug costs more affordable, and ensure better access, particularly for those in rural Oregon." In 2021 legislative session, Hayden chief-sponsored legislation to explore allowing a public option for Oregonians to buy health insurance at a reduced rate. "There's a tremendous amount of interest from my Senate healthcare counterparts on both sides of the aisle to solve the healthcare puzzle that's burdening so many families. We could have legislation passed by the end of 2023."

If elected in 2022, the senate term will last for four years.



Cedric Hayden

Letters to the Editor

Thank You

The Bottle Boys Team wishes to thank all of the folks helping to make it possible for us to make additional donations in support of the rebuilding efforts in our communities. The bottles and cans given to us have been converted into cash "One dime at a time" to help the O'Brien Library and its hosting location, the Upper McKenzie Community, The McKenzie Valley Wellness Group for the Blue River Clinic, The Vida-Mckenzie Community Center and the Blue River Fire Station. These five groups were each given \$1,000 checks as part of our "Giving Tuesday" event last week.

Since the beginning of this fund raising effort last September after the Holiday Farm Fire, the team has donated over \$20,000 to these five groups and with the continued support from our caring community, we can continue our donations.

The beverage containers with a deposit include most containers less than 30 oz. capacity. Beverage containers exempt from the deposit include wine, spirits, milk and nutritional beverages.

Containers can be dropped off at the Leaburg Store and the Pack N' Ship next to Albertson's in Thurston during business hours. Folks can also obtain a "Blue Bag" and bag up their own containers for deposit at any of the Bottle Drop

locations with easy access outdoor drop doors: Olympic St in Springfield, West Broadway in Eugene and the Fred Meyer on Division Ave in Santa Clara.

Blue Bags can be obtained at the McKenzie Feed and Tackle in Walterville, both OsteoStrong locations in Springfield and Eugene, the Pack N' Ship in Thurston and the Store in Leaburg.

The bottle handling team meets every Saturday at 10 am at the Leaburg Store for sorting sessions. Volunteer helpers are always welcome.

Pete Petty
Nimrod

McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Middle School Girls Basketball team will host Siletz on Wednesday, December 8 at 4:30 pm. The team will travel to Mohawk on Monday, December 13, and that game will also start at 4:30 pm.

Snow cover critical for post-fire revegetation

How much and how long a severely burned Pacific Northwest mountain landscape stays blanketed in winter snow is a key factor in the return of vegetation, research by Oregon State University and the University of Nevada, Reno shows.

"Assessing the Role of Snow Cover for Post-Wildfire Revegetation Across the Pacific Northwest" can be found here.

"As wildfire activity continues to increase and intensify in the Northwest, understanding what shapes revegetation on severely burned forested landscapes is vital for guiding management decisions," OSU College of Forestry researcher Kevin Bladon said.

Postfire revegetation in the forested mountain regions of the Pacific Northwest is a complicated puzzle, the scientists say, but snow cover is a crucial element especially in the Cascade Range in Oregon and Washington. More than 80% of wildfires in the western United States from 2000 to 2012 burned within a seasonal snow zone, a time period that overlaps with the years studied.

"Snow matters to regrowing vegetation following fire, and with double impacts of declining snowpacks and increasing wildfires it is critical that we understand how

these changes are affecting Pacific Northwest forests," said Anne Nolin, who led the study, which began while she was a researcher at Oregon State; she is now a geography professor at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Nolin and Bladon teamed with Andrew Wilson, a graduate research assistant in OSU's College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences, on the NASA-funded study that featured before-and-after vegetation analyses for two dozen high-severity wildfires. The fires occurred over a 10-year period among four distinct subregions of the Columbia River Basin.

At nearly 260,000 square miles, the Columbia Basin is the Pacific Northwest's largest watershed. It contains a variety of fire-prone landscapes that have seen almost 900 fires since 2010, serves as critical habitat for more than 700 species and is a water source for seven U.S. states.

"There are many short- and long-term effects from the forest fires that are hitting the West more frequently and more severely than they ever have, including erosion, debris flows and water quality issues, all of which can be bad for aquatic ecosystems and downstream community water supply," Bladon said. "The persistence of

these impacts is mitigated by post-fire revegetation, which depends on a complex network of drivers whose connections haven't been well studied. Climate change projections and changing wildfire regimes have added to concerns about postfire regeneration."

The study showed summer precipitation consistently was the most important variable driving postfire revegetation across all four of the subregions examined, said Bladon, who has been studying wildfire's effects on water quality for nearly two decades. Variables such as snow cover frequency, prefire forest composition and elevation were also shown to be significantly influential for revegetation in the Oregon and Washington Cascades and the western Montana Rockies.

Given trends of increasing wildfire activity, lower snowpacks and earlier snow disappearance dates across the Northwest, forests will likely experience drought conditions more frequently than they have historically, which will have a bearing on postfire vegetation recovery, the researchers say.

"Many of the forested, mountain landscapes in the Northwest are changing at an unprecedented rate, largely because the regional climate regime is changing," Bladon said. "Forest responses to climate change are also being driven by shifts in the precipitation that influence soil water storage and groundwater."

Climate change has already increased the percentage of winter precipitation that falls as rain rather than snow, reduced the spring snow-water equivalent – a metric for how much water snow contains – and caused snowmelt to begin earlier in the spring than it used to, Nolin said. Pacific Northwest snowpacks have seen the greatest declines of any seasonal snow region in the West.

"And wildfire season length in the western U.S. overall has increased by roughly 25 days in recent decades, including a massive increase in the Northwest from the mid-1970s, when it was 23 days, to 116 days in the early 2000s," Bladon said. "That's attributable mainly to warmer temperatures

and drier conditions in the spring and summer."

With current climate change projections, snowpacks' role in aiding revegetation will become increasingly important across the West, Nolin said. And where snowpacks have declined, there likely will be ecosystem transitions that look like a shift from forest to non-forest, from evergreen to deciduous vegetation.

Bladon suggests fire can be looked at as an opportunity for forests to reassemble into ecosystems better suited to survive warmer winters, longer fire seasons and more drought stress.

"That's at the heart of the challenge of reconciling a changing climate's ecological forces with postfire forest management goals – the goals are often oriented toward re-establishing forests as they existed before the fire," he

said. "But with shifting climate trends in the region, that might not be the most adaptive path forward for forested landscapes."

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we can look at all three and figure out who is the least expensive option," Jen notes. "We are also a drop location for prepaid packages through all three carriers."

And, for someone who might want to send a present but hasn't gotten around to shopping for one, they can make a last-minute selection from Jen's new line of Beanie Babies.

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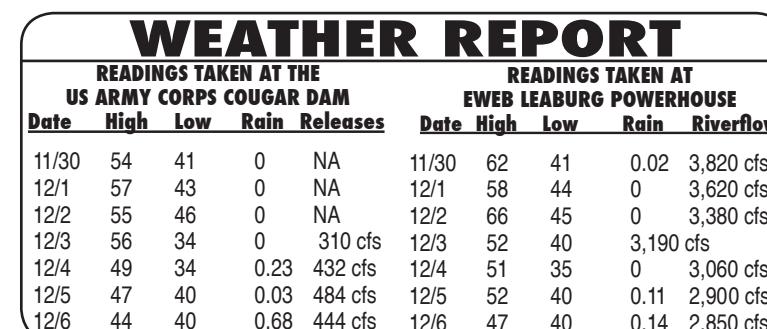
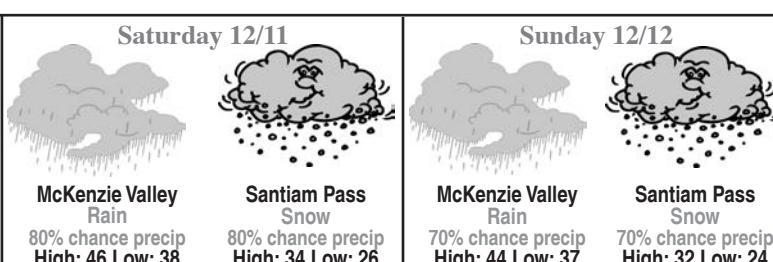
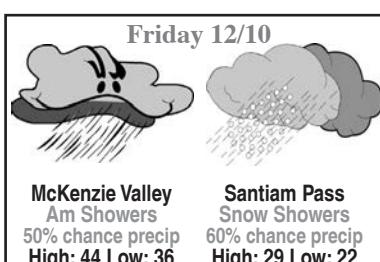
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WEATHER REPORT

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| 12/1 | 57 | 43 | 0 | NA | 12/1 | 58 | 44 | 0 | 3,620 cfs |
| 12/2 | 55 | 46 | 0 | NA | 12/2 | 66 | 45 | 0 | 3,380 cfs |
| 12/3 | 56 | 34 | 0 | 310 cfs | 12/3 | 52 | 40 | 3,190 cfs | |
| 12/4 | 49 | 34 | 0.23 | 432 cfs | 12/4 | 51 | 35 | 0 | 3,060 cfs |
| 12/5 | 47 | 40 | 0.03 | 484 cfs | 12/5 | 52 | 40 | 0.11 | 2,900 cfs |
| 12/6 | 44 | 40 | 0.68 | 444 cfs | 12/6 | 47 | 40 | 0.14 | 2,850 cfs |



Mill owner's fight with city sparked infamous anti-Japanese riot

By Finn J.D. John

In the summer of 1925, an event took place in the Coast Range town of Toledo that would spark widespread outrage and an international incident. The event was, for all practical purposes, a race riot: A mob of hundreds of angry white people attacking and evicting a small group of Japanese workers.

From a distance, the story looks like an ugly episode of provincial racists behaving badly and subsequently being punished by the more enlightened. And that's more or less an accurate assessment — but it's incomplete.

The real struggle that came to a head in Toledo that summer day was not between the white residents and the Asian contract workers, but between some of the residents and the absentee owner of the sawmill that dominated their town.

Spoiler alert: The sawmill owner was the only winner here. Which is a little outrageous, considering that he did far more than anyone else to set the whole thing up.

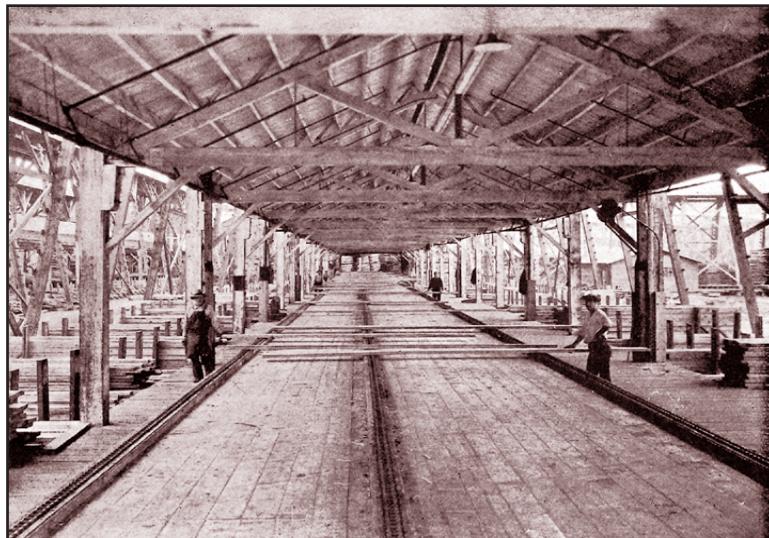
Here's what happened:

In the early 1920s, the Pacific Spruce Company sawmill, owned by C. Dean Johnson, utterly dominated the town of Toledo. Thanks to this one mega-mill, the town's population had grown from a few hundred to a few thousand in just a few years. Johnson had bought the mill for pennies on the dollar from the U.S. government after it got out of the spruce-milling business when the war ended.

Johnson lived in Portland, but his son, C. Dean Johnson II, managed the mill and lived in Toledo.

Trouble on the green chain

The trouble started when the Johnsons started toying with the idea of hiring a contract crew of Japanese workers to "pull green chain." The green chain



Pacific Spruce Corp.
The "green chain" at Pacific Spruce as it appeared in 1924, the year before its staffing became the bone of contention between the mill owner and the city.

was a conundrum for lumber manufacturers; it's the most grueling work in the mill, and yet under the system they were using in 1925 it requires a high level of skill and judgment. Workers had to move fast to grab pieces of finished lumber off the conveyer chain as they move by and sort them into piles according to quality.

Traditionally, new hires would start out pulling green chain, and after a year or two move up into a less demanding, more prestigious job. The trouble was, that left the least skilled workers in the mill doing one of the more important jobs, and the quality of the mill's output was suffering.

The Johnsons thought the solution would be to establish a whole new class of workers in Toledo — workers who would just pull green chain, who would be effectively ineligible for promotion to more desirable jobs, and who wouldn't be so troublesome. Naturally, that entailed a segregated colony of

racially different people.

In the mid-1920s, it was Japanese workers who were available and willing to work under such conditions. Fifty years earlier it would have been Chinese; a century earlier, Irish, or African slaves; today it would be Central Americans.

The battle lines are drawn: City vs. sawmill

Word of the scheme leaked out early in 1925, and it was not well received. City business leaders asked for a meeting with the younger Johnson, who told them the company was just hiring a dozen or so Japanese workers to plug a gap on the green chain; nobody's job was going to be replaced, and there was nothing to worry about.

But they still worried. And following the meeting, there was a big community meeting, after which the city issued a written protest against bringing in "foreign labor."

This seems to have made the Johnsons mad. Immediately they

moved forward with plans to hire not a dozen, but about 60 Japanese workers through a labor contractor in Portland; to house them in a separate cantonment on company property; and to replace two shifts of green-chain workers with them.

To the townsfolk, it looked like a confirmation of their worst fears: that the Japanese workers would be a beachhead; their economic power was their ability to do better-quality work than the locals, for cheaper. They'd be established in Toledo as a separate colony, not mixing with the town at all, not contributing to the economy in any way, and their numbers would grow until the Johnsons' sawmill was a closed system with a town, wasting away and demoralized, on its outskirts. Essentially, they feared a situation kind of like the one satirized in Roald Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" after Willy Wonka brought in the colony of unpaid-but-always-happy Oompa-Loompas.

A setback for the sawmill

But meanwhile, news of the community's opposition had come to the attention of the labor contractor in Portland, and he was not about to send his crew into a dangerous situation to become pawns in a labor struggle. He informed the elder Johnson that the deal was off.

Johnson's response was to travel to Toledo, call another town meeting, and bully the leaders of the town into rescinding their protest. He insisted that they vote out loud, one by one, so that the only way to vote against it was to publicly identify oneself as an enemy of the most powerful man in Toledo.

He got what he wanted, and the deal was back on. From his office

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By Slim Randles

We almost believed we had a crime wave going on, which perplexed us all, especially since it's Christmas and all.

It all began when old man Ortega's rooster disappeared. He reported it to the police, too, who thought this neighborhood alarm clock finally met with a dissatisfied customer who was now gleefully making dumplings.

The police said as much to Ortega, and the old man wanted to know what the police were going to do about it. Well, since it had been almost a week since they'd had a complaint come in, the chief sent young Glen around the neighborhood asking chicken questions. Everyone denied ending ol' Doodle's career ... when they finished laughing. Old man Ortega got a copy of the report.

Ortega had his suspicions, of course. There was one neighbor lady who had once complained about the rooster to Ortega, and he had defended to her very face his rooster's right to crow. She then asked if he couldn't get ol' Doodles operated on, like they do to dogs, and get his doodler clipped so he'd be singing blanks, as it were.

Ortega hotly replied that anyone who would deliberately maim an American rooster would steal sheep. Later on, he apologized and offered to buy her some ear plugs. She passed on the ear plug offer, but poured him a cup of coffee and that seemed to be that.

But still, ol' Doodles was gone, and there was no denying that. We finally put two and two together when another neighbor caught a coyote going over the fence with one of his hens, but we always wondered about that doodler-snipping operation. We'll have to ask Doc about it.

Quit fly fishing in winter? For shame! You didn't want the fish to get too warm before you got them home, right? Or just read The Fly Fisherman's Bucket List now on Amazon.com.

— Leaburg.

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Carson St. & Marcola Rd.

Dec. 6: 8:22 a.m.: Suspicious Conditions - Tiki Ln. & Deerhorn Rd.

9:45 a.m.: Narcotics, Drug Overdose - 55000 blk, McK. River Dr.

11:03 a.m.: Assist Oregon State Police - 91500 blk, Cougar Dam Rd.

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pickup) rolled into a ditch while the operator was making a turn. Both occupants were entrapped and sustained non-life threatening injuries. They were transported to Riverbend Hospital. ODOT and Fire assisted with traffic control. Involved: 75-year-old female and 77-year-old male.

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Dec. 3: 3:28: 88000 blk, Twin Firs Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

14:45: 88000 blk, Miller Ave. Lift Assist. Lifting Assistance Provided.

18:03: 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident. Rollover Accident with Injuries, 2 Patients.

Dec. 4: 5:04: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical Alarm. Disregarded en route.

12:30: 38000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Refusal.

17:44: 49000 blk, McKenzie Highway Illegal Burning. Investigate.

Dec. 5: 10:54: 45000 blk, McKenzie Highway Public Assist.

15:11: 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Lift Assist. Lifting Assistance Provided.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting the Monday, December 13th, at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy.

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



OSU Extension Service

Tips to keep chickens in a laying mood

Care for chickens correctly and they'll reward you with cartons full of fresh eggs. Get it wrong and the eggs stop coming.

The good news is that getting it right isn't difficult, said Jim Hermes, a poultry specialist for Oregon State University Extension Service. Give them appropriate feed, water and shelter from the worst weather of winter and you've covered the bases.

Make bagged feed from feed stores the food of choice. It's formulated for each stage of life – baby, adolescent and adults – with the correct nutrient requirements. Starter feeds are for chicks from hatching to about six weeks old; grower and developer mixes go to chickens from 6 to 17 weeks; and layer or breeder feed is made for those producing eggs.

If you can't keep your variously aged chickens separated, there are feed mixes labeled "general purpose" that are appropriate for all ages. For laying hens, though,

you'll need to add calcium in the form of oyster shell or egg production drops.

The biggest mistake chicken owners make is to supplement too much, Hermes said. Don't consider leftovers from the kitchen or vegetable garden an important part of their diet. They'll eat those treats first and not as much as the chicken feed, which dilutes the amount of nutrients in their diet. When that happens, chickens are more susceptible to disease and will produce fewer eggs.

"If it's a high-fiber, leafy green vegetable, it sounds good, but it just has water, sugar and fiber," said Hermes, author of Extension's newly revised publication How to Feed Your Laying Hens. "The fiber goes through them, they already have water and they don't need sugar."

"If you're going to supplement, a little bit is OK," he added. "It's just like with kids, give them a little snack. What they can finish in 10 to 15 minutes."

Scratch – a mixture of grains, usually wheat and corn – is an

acceptable supplement as long as it's not overused. A little tossed on the ground encourages chickens to scratch, which gives them exercise. In the process, they'll find nutrient-filled insects.

Chickens will eat little pebbles called grit if they need them to grind up wheat, corn or insects. It's available at feed stores, but often they'll find what they need on the ground. Unlike people, layer chickens don't overeat, so feed should be left out continuously.

"You'll rarely see a fat layer chicken," Hermes said. "They eat to satisfy their energy requirements. If they go without feed for a day, they'll go out of production. So keep feed in front of them all the time."

As winter approaches, be sure to have a place for your chickens to get out of bad weather. Though they have excellent down jackets, chickens suffer if their combs or feet get too cold. The tips of combs can freeze if temperatures dip to 10 degrees or lower. If they do, there's the chance of gangrene, which causes damage, pain and fewer eggs.

Hermes noted that hens need to nest in places that are a foot or more above the ground as protection against dogs, raccoons and other predators.

Be sure to keep water available. If it freezes, put out fresh water or break the ice. There are water pan heaters available or you can even put a light bulb in a coffee can and place the dish on top.

There's no need for heat lamps to warm adult chickens, but to keep hens laying you'll need to supply artificial light from about 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The light needs to be just bright enough to read a newspaper; the type of bulb doesn't matter. Once started, the light program must be continued, Hermes said. Even a one-day lapse can cut down or eliminate egg production. He suggests using a timer to keep things on schedule.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



A WORLD OF SNOW

Ice and snow capture the imagination of children and call us to a world of wonder, one we may have forgotten from our younger days.

Do you remember making "snow angels"? Some snow time events never change with the generations because I recall lying in the snow and sweeping through it with legs and arms to create angels.

Snowmen, snow forts, games of fox and geese...these seem to transcend the ages and hold youngsters enthralled. Sliding down hill on playgrounds, in the yard, or nearby hills provide fun no matter how cold, it seems.

Winter Wonder Memories

The wonder of winter and a world of snow becomes heightened when we share it with children. Even snow shoveling can include fun when a family does it together. I was going through some photos of my childhood, looking for those of snow activities to share with grandchildren.

The pictures of my brothers, sister and me throwing snowballs,

shoveling snow and riding on the homemade snow plow my dad pulled behind his tractor bring back memories of days of snow. This snowplow was V-shaped, with two cross planks connecting the sides. We would put grain bags on the boards and sit there while Father plowed the driveway, the barnyard, and a path to the chicken houses beyond the dairy barn.

There also was a photo of my grandfather and me as a toddler. We're each holding a shovel of snow. He died when I was only five years old, but fortunately my mom loved to take photos and I have this one in the snow to bring back memories of a family

heritage.

Hot chocolate and cookies often greeted us when we came into the house after activities in the snow. What do you serve? Or do you want a main dish ready when you come in from the cold?

BEEF & POTATO CASSEROLE

Arrange 4 cups raw, thinly sliced potatoes and 2 tablespoons chopped onion in a greased 2-quart baking dish or casserole. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Then mix together 1 pound ground beef, 3/4 cup evaporated milk (you can use regular milk), 1/2 cup fine cracker crumbs, bread crumbs, or uncooked rolled oats, 1/4 cup catsup, 1/4 cup chopped onion, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Spread meat mixture evenly over the potatoes. Decorate with more catsup, if desired. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 1 hour until meat is cooked and potatoes are tender.

(c) Mary Emma Allen

(Mary Emma still enjoys the beauty of the snow; e-mail: me.allen@juno.com)

Quote of the Week

"A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory."

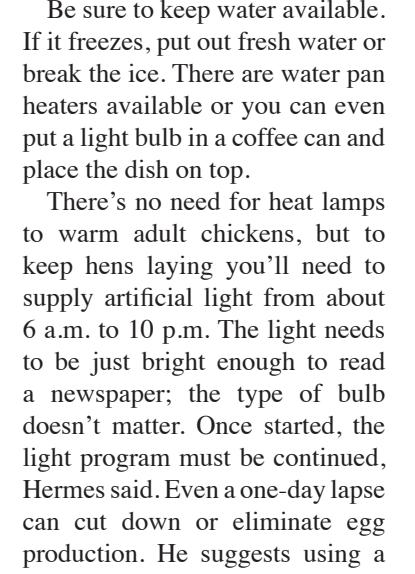
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DIMES TO DOLLARS



By Gerry Aster

The Bottle Boys have once again converted cans and plastic and glass containers into thousands of dollars which they generously distribute to local non-profit organizations within the McKenzie valley. On November 30th, Pete Petty (aka Bottle Boy Boss) and Jeff Dehne presented a \$1000 check to Walt Wilson and Gerry Aster of Vida McKenzie Community Center. These funds will be used to help rebuild the Center which was destroyed in the Holiday Farm Fire. The presentation was made at the Leaburg Store where the Bottle Boys sort items for recycling every Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

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HOLIDAY Light Parade

The McKenzie Chamber of Commerce, along with the McKenzie Community Development Corporation and McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals are planning a Joyful car parade for the "Holiday Light Up the Valley Celebration" on Sunday, December 12th, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. People are invited to decorate their cars, property, RV, business, truck, or camp spot.



TWO PARADES!

The event will include two car parades. One will start at Cedar Flat and head east. The other will travel west from McKenzie Espresso & Deli. Both will meet at the Vida Windermere Office, where there will a get together with beverages and snacks.

Every car will receive a tally to vote on Businesses Decorated with Holiday Lights. Prizes Will Be Awarded To Winners!

Participating Businesses: McKenzie Bridge Espresso & Deli, Everyone's Market, Vida Windermere, Vida Cafe, Leaburg General Store, Leaburg Library, Leaburg Fire Station, Ike's Pizza, Waltermville Post Office, Indigo Cafe, Serendipity, Takodas, Harbicks Motel, Blue Sky Market, Waltermville Grange, Obsidian Grill, Waltermville Lucky Logger, and Cedar Flat Businesses



If you know of a business that wants to participate and have an opportunity to Win a Prize, please contact Nadine@windermere.com

Community Notes

December 10 Food Pantry

The McKenzie River Food Pantry will be distributing Holiday food boxes and toys on December 10th from 11 am to 1 pm in the new gym located on the McKenzie School campus. Families will be allowed to "shop" for gifts from the available selection. Contact Robin Roberts or Lacey Joy in advance to guarantee that there will be enough gifts available. Robin can be reached at 541-844-8838 and Lacey at 541-554-0209.

December 11 Leaburg Food Pantry

11 am to 5 pm. McKenzie Bible Fellowship, 45061 McKenzie Hwy. The Food Pantry is now on Saturdays. All are welcome! Please send folks!

December 11 A Dime At A Time

10 am - noon. Leaburg Store, 42840 McKenzie Hwy. Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting - Saturday morning sorting sessions

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every Saturday. Donations can be dropped off at the Leaburg Store and maybe help us bag up the containers! Funds from plastic, glass, and aluminum containers go toward the rebuilding of the O'Brien Memorial Library in Blue River, McKenzie River Clinic, and the Vida McKenzie Community Center - all destroyed in the Holiday Farm fire.

December 11 Bridge Lighting

The Upper McKenzie Community Center and the O'Brien Memorial Library are co-hosting an Open House from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on December 11th for the lighting ceremony at the Belknap Covered Bridge. People can meet at the Community Center and walk with carolers to the bridge. There will also be opportunities to see the temporary library and kids can place an ornament on the community tree. People can also meet Katie Caulley and view her book, "Get Out! Now! A Firefighter's Account of the Holiday Farm Fire Of 2020." Used books for sale, along with a display of McKenzie River Historical items., and gifts for the young.

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December 13 Spfd School Board

7 to 8:30 p.m. The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (except July). Regular business meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Monday and work sessions are generally held at 4 p.m. on the 4th Monday of the month in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

December 15 Upper McK Fire Board

7 to 8 p.m. 5 Upper McKenzie Fire District Board of Directors monthly meeting. At the fire station, 56578 McKenzie Hwy, 541-822-3479.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mircell

Tall Tales Told

For about three years my wife has been working late and staying out until three or four in the morning with her coworkers. During the past four years I have had four major operations for cancer. I am fine now, but it seems like the only time we see each other is when she leaves for work in the morning.

About two months ago I got a phone call from a lady who said her husband was sleeping with my wife. I didn't believe it. She said she had proof, but I still didn't believe it. My wife denied it, and about three days later the man called and said he was going through a divorce, and his wife was telling all kinds of stories about him.

Then my wife went on a business trip, and I decided to give her a call. The same man answered the phone in her room. The story was my wife got news her grandmother had passed away, and everyone was in her room trying to console her. Later I noticed this guy's home and cell phone numbers are all over my cell phone bill. But the story was my wife's female boss spends most of her time at this guy's house, and my wife had to call her there.

I asked my wife if she still loved

me and she said yes, even though we hardly ever touch anymore. One night I called my wife at work, and she wasn't there. So I drove by this man's house. What did I see? Her car in his yard. The story was the guy lost a bet with my wife's boss, so he had to clean out the boss's car and my wife's car.

I could go on and on, but can you tell me what you think of this.

Zach

Zach, if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, it's a duck. You love and care for your wife, and you projected your feelings onto her. But the truth is, she is not you. She does not feel about your relationship the way you do.

Your only fault was ignoring the duck as long as you did. This is not going to end well, and that is what made you avoid it. She knows you know, and you know you know. Now it's time to deal with the duck. No problem is ever solved by ignoring it.

Tamara

The Fork In The Road

My boyfriend and I have come to a crossroads in our relationship because we have very different views on marriage. We have been together for two years and are

best friends. Unfortunately, we disagree on where we want this relationship to go.

Marriage seems natural to me, but my boyfriend believes living together is the same commitment as getting married. He has always been supportive of me, and I feel if I force him into marriage, he will resent me for compromising his values. The only thing is, he expects me to compromise my values to be with him.

How can we work this out so that we don't lose each other?

Victoria

Victoria, you have reached a fork in the road. You want marriage. He doesn't. You could follow his path for awhile, or he could follow yours, but in time one of you will be resentful.

The real crossroads you have reached is whether this relationship continues. After a child or two, or after years without a marriage proposal, one of you will come back to this fork in the road and say, "If I hadn't compromised what I knew was right for me...."

It doesn't matter how good your friendship is, what he wants is not what you want. Friends can be friends after choosing different paths, but partners have to be on the same path.

Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of *The Friendship Solution, Making Friends and Dropping Frenemies*, available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.

American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

Shara McCallum never uses the word "haunt", but the poem is about the haunting of those who have gone before. Yet the haunting is purposeful. It is shot through with the poet's sense that she owes the dead some accountability, and the dead seem to agree. As necessary as it is to read "No Ruined Stone" as a broad meditation on the legacy of a troubled history, (the poem, "No Ruined Stone" is the title poem of her new collection that, among other things, explores the implications of transatlantic slavery), at its emotional core, is a tender accounting of loss and memory. This grandmother, one senses, is also haunting by inhabiting everything the poet sees around her. This fierce presence is the unusual but quite familiar theme of her elegy.

No Ruined Stone

By Shara McCallum

*May 2018: for my grandmother
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and in waking, will be the bird
knocking, knocking against glass,
seeking
a way in, will masquerade
as the wind, its voice made
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lapping, as the waves' self-made fugue
is a turning and returning, the dead
will not then nor ever again
desert you, their unrest
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distance will maw in you,
time and place gulching
when the dead return and demand
accounting, wanting
everything you have to give and nothing
will quench or unhunger them
as they take all you make as offering.
Then tell you to begin again.

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

December 9 - James J. Hill quit school to work in a general store. He soon became a partner in a Minnesota steamboat company and parlayed this into ownership of his first railroad, the St. Paul and Pacific. Hill entered Oregon history by purchasing the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad, and in 1909 he engaged in a race with the Union Pacific to construct a rail line up the Deschutes River into timber-rich Central Oregon. Hill prevailed and went on to acquire the Great Northern Railroad and the Northern Pacific Railroad. Although Hill never lived in Oregon, he did more than anyone else to promote the state and in the process earned the nickname of the Empire Builder.

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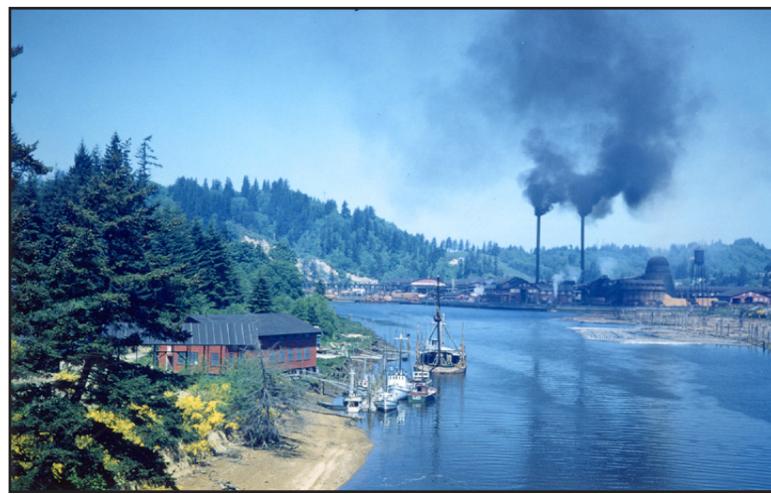
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Anti-Japanese riot

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Mill as it looked in 1952, a year after it had been sold to Georgia-Pacific.

in the Northwest Bank Building in Portland, Johnson hastened to reassure the labor contractor that everything was now just fine, and his crew would be welcomed in Toledo.

But as the old saying goes, "a man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still." So when that crew of Japanese workers showed up in Toledo, they had no idea that they were about to become pawns in a power struggle between the two great economic forces of the little timber town.

The mob scene

When the Japanese workers arrived, they'd barely settled in before a huge crowd formed and moved in on them. The crowd — it was not yet a mob, but it would be shortly — planned to make a show of force and "escort" the Japanese colony out of town.

But the crowd was met at the property line by both Johnsons and some of their men, all freshly deputized old-west style — and they were ready for a fight. Not a fight for the civil rights of the Japanese workers, but a fight to defend their property from what they saw as an outrageous act of meddling in someone else's business.

The members of this crowd don't seem to have been planning to riot, and none of them had brought weapons. But when their leader asked to speak to the foreman of the Japanese crew, Johnson shoved him in the chest and told him to get off the property. This transformed the mass of Toledo citizens into an angry mob, which then stormed the place. People got punched, knocked down. A gun, taken from one of the mill defenders, was waved around a little, but was soon tossed into the

river.

In a matter of hours, the Japanese workers were "escorted" to waiting cars and trucks and taken to Corvallis. Some of the townspeople passed a hat to give them some money, but the workers — by now getting over the shock of their treatment and starting to get angry — wouldn't hear of it. "We don't want that kind of money," worker Tamakichi Ogura told the city marshal, when he tried to give it to him.

Legal consequences

In the aftermath, no charges were filed against anyone. But five of the Japanese workers sued for violations of civil rights, the first case of its kind, and won a \$2,500 judgment against five of the most active participants in the episode.

As for the Johnsons' mill, after an internal purge of all employees connected with the riot, it carried on as before. In 1951, it was sold to Georgia-Pacific.

The story of the treatment of the Japanese workers remains as a lingering and embarrassing memory, and a vivid reminder of how much has changed in Oregon since the 1920s — and also, an uncomfortable reminder of a few things that have not.

(Sources: Cox, Ted. *The Toledo Incident of 1925. Corvallis: Old World, 2005; Johnson, B.A., ed. Pacific Spruce Corp. and Subsidiaries. Chicago: Lumber World Review, 1924)*

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McKenzie Students of the Month



December's Student of the Month from McKenzie River Community School is Trent Peek. Trent is a Junior and a hands down a great young man. He stays out of trouble, is a hard worker in class and on the field.

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Don't think you need an emergency kit?

"Think again," say families who have needed one

By Mike Estep

Flashlights, bottles of water, a first aid kit, and ready-to-eat meal packs cover the Scott's coffee table. The family isn't going camping—they're preparing for disaster by double-checking their go bags.

John and Cara Scott never used to worry about natural disasters in their town of Springfield in west-central Oregon. After the local fires last year, and the hurricanes, tornadoes and ice storms that hit the rest of the country in 2020, they don't want to leave anything to chance for their two children: Jachin, 16, and Joziah, 10.

"You never think it's going to happen here," said John. He explained that when the unexpected did happen and the family had to evacuate, having go bags ready gave them peace of mind and allowed them to help others. This included a friend in his 80s who couldn't drive himself to safety. With the help of the Scotts, he evacuated safely.

Preparing in advance with a disaster-ready kit has helped families nationwide through extreme and abnormal weather events, which experts warn are on the rise.

"Having a personal preparedness plan increases your chances of staying safe," according to a training program from the Columbia University's National Center for Disaster Preparedness.

Jolted awake by a neighbor's urgent knocking, Aaron and Jacqueline Pate were horrified to see the encroaching flames of the fast-moving Woolsey fire that had been miles away when they went to bed. It burned to within 100 feet of their Westlake Village home in 2018 as part of California's deadliest wildfire season on record.

"Because we had go bags, we weren't running around trying to pack things at the last minute," said Jacqueline. "We had the time



Cara Scott Joziah, John and Jachin Scott of Springfield double-check their go bags. During the fires last year, having go bags ready allowed them to concentrate on helping others evacuate.

we needed to comfort our kids and get everyone safely into the car."

The Pates credited the disaster-preparedness help they received as Jehovah's Witnesses, both through periodic reminders at their congregation meetings and from tips for putting together go bags on the organization's website, www.jw.org.

"Life is precious, so we encourage all to heed the Bible's advice to take practical steps to protect ourselves from danger," said Robert Hendriks III, spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses in the United States.

Go bags also have proven useful in the opposite circumstances as "stay bags."

When February's Winter Storm Uri left millions of Texans without heat, electricity and running water, many go bags there saw their first-ever use outside of hurricane season.

Houston residents Dan and Rhiannon Muey's advance preparation enabled them to shelter in place for days, even as many in their area braved treacherous road conditions to scour barren store

shelves for supplies.

"Our hurricane 'go bags' became our winter storm 'stay bags,' but we were so glad we had them," said Dan. "Instead of waiting in lines for hours to get basics like drinking water, we already had what we needed."

After the evacuation last year, the Scott family realized that their go bags could use some adjustment, replacing clothing the boys had outgrown and rethink items geared more toward a camping situation than an evacuation situation.

Jachin Scott is convinced the effort is worth it. "With all the smoke, it felt like the world was ending," he said. "We have our life support in the car, so we are set, and we're good to go. I mean, that's all the comfort you can get."

Disaster-preparedness suggestions and tips for putting together a go bag are available from FEMA at ready.gov and from Jehovah's Witnesses at <https://www.jw.org/en/library/magazines/awake-no5-2017-october/disaster-steps-that-can-save-lives/>.

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