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There's plenty to say about rural living, including the folks who live here.

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"Rolls Royce Guru"

They tried to burn down the Planning Department office, plotted to crash an airplane loaded with explosives, and even tried a few assassinations

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Mechanized birds: fighting fires with drone intelligence



Andrew Avitt/USFS

Leonard Pies and Jordan Hahn with Precision Integrated Programs/Overwatch Aero perform pre-flight maintenance on the FVR-90 fixed wing drone, before takeoff to fly around the perimeter of the Lightning Complex Fire near Willow Creek, California, August 31. (USDA Forest Service photo by Andrew Avitt)

By Andrew Avitt
Pacific Southwest Region

The robotic birds of the sky, known colloquially as drones, were a menace to the wildland firefighting community. The mere appearance of a recreational drone in the skies near a wildfire called for the grounding of all firefighting aircraft, giving birth to catchy sayings like "If you fly, we can't," and "It's not worth the view."

While these sayings are still true, drones – also called UAS or unmanned aerial systems – are playing an increasingly important role in fighting wildfires.

No, drones can't drop thousands of gallons of water or fire retardant like a super-tanker. They also cannot deliver thousands

of pounds of supplies like the K-MAX helicopter or evacuate injured firefighters like UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters. The drones can, however, support operations with aerial ignition and gather intelligence then relay that information to firefighters on the lines within minutes.

The greatest benefit drones provide is they can take to the sky when human-powered aircraft are grounded for pilot safety.

Take, for example the FVR-90, a fixed-wing drone with a 14-foot wingspan capable of traveling at speeds up to 80 knots, or 46 mph, with a flight time of 8 hours. They are sent airborne just at dusk when other human-piloted flights are grounded.

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Redevelopment "stranglehold"

Commissioners told rebuild time is running out

EUGENE: As the third anniversary of the Holiday Farm Fire approaches, it's not the only calendar preview causing anxiety for survivors. "I currently can't get my building put up because of a parking issue - still," was the message Meyer's General Store & Liquor Shop owner Melanie Stanley gave the Lane County Board of Commissioners last Tuesday. "We have until 2025 - that's less than a year and a half from now so we can't wait anymore."

"Melanie and the other owners are stuck," according to Steve Severin, a project manager with Dale Turnley Construction. Public service structures like the fire station and the medical clinic rebuilds are moving ahead but he warned that funding for commercial structures "is going away, and it's just dragging on and on."

Explaining why people showed up to testify at Harris Hall, Severin said they hoped the commissioners could intervene in a permitting process that is "just dragging on and on."

There were two areas of concern Rainbow resident Tim Hooton was there to address. One was the state

of cellular phone service in the McKenzie River area. "A lot of people rely dramatically on that," he said, adding that "cell coverage especially post-fire, has been extremely bad."

That level of service was particularly important, Hooton said because people are expected to rely on cell phones to receive notices from the county's emergency alert system.

Hooton also said he was an advocate for the Firewise program, which offers homeowners financial assistance to make their homes better able to survive wildfires.

"I spent over \$10,000 of my own money and three months of hard work on my own property and there's still work I would like to do," he said. He called for a bigger emphasis by Lane County to reach out to people and make

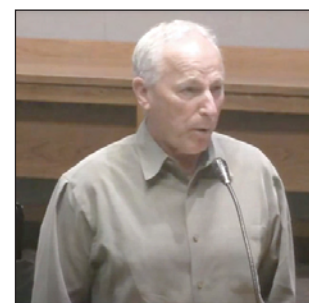
them aware that financial assistance is available.

There to give some recognition for recent actions by the Sheriff's Office was Cliff Richardson. He said the sheriff had done a remarkable job in clarifying details of the evacuation process and responses to concerns about patrols to protect properties. Richardson then questioned people having to go from the Lookout Fire on the McKenzie to an evacuation center at Lowell High School, near the region of the Bedrock Fire.

"Going from one fire zone to another didn't make sense," he said and suggested despite a shortage of Red Cross staffers, the county could improve the situation through "more coordination with local volunteers."

East Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch thanked people "for what you had to say" and said she agreed that "three years had been too long" for rebuilding to be slow after the Holiday Farm Fire.

"Recovery is a complex onion to peel," Buch said. "It's very helpful to have the rest of my colleagues assist with that."



Tim Hooton

What does it take to operate a fire camp?

Tents or trailers, food caterer, shower facilities, portable potties by the truckload – and much, much more

By Tom Knappenberger
Pacific Northwest Region, U.S. Forest Service

Fire camps never cease to amaze: Like a magician whisking away his big red scarf to reveal something out of nothing, a fire camp can magically appear overnight in a bare field.

Of course, there's no magic about it. Preparing to house,

feed, and care for hundreds maybe thousands of firefighters is a well-honed skill. The Logistics folks on a fire team are responsible for finding a site near the fire that's big enough, close enough – but not too close – and hopefully upwind from all the smoke. It's often a cow pasture, a fairgrounds, an RV park or a school. Sometimes there are buildings and electricity and phone lines and plumbing. Just as often

not.

Within 24 hours, these logistic wizards arrange for everything thousands of people need to live and work for weeks on end: tents or trailers for the administrative types; a food caterer, shower facilities, portable potties by the truckload – and much, much more.

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The Camp Creek Fire Camp for the Lookout Fire.

Letters to the Editor

Thank You

We would like to send a special thanks to the Patio RV park. They are allowing fire staff to use camping sites, showers and laundry. We can be a difficult group with loud trucks and dirty showers. We really appreciate Patio arc.

Lookout Fire Group



Guest Opinion

Mismanagement of lands causing grief in wildfire season

By Melinda Montgomery

As I sit here writing this, the hazy air brings up anxiety reminiscent of September 2020. It also brings up frustrations over the continued mismanagement of our federally managed state lands.

I'm Melinda Montgomery. My roots in Lane County go back to the 1850s when my great-great grandfather Parvin settled in Dexter. The Montgomery side arrived in Noti about 100 years ago and I am one of three generations living on the family timberlands today.

We actively manage our property by maintaining logging roads, preserving the watersheds, keeping the underbrush down, and selectively cutting our timber. But we have also clear cut our property and Dad had seen this happen twice in his life.

The worry is the Bureau of Land Management land that borders our property. It manages their land differently. Will it adversely affect our property?

This is a legitimate fear since the federal government has gross-

ly mismanaged our state's federal forest lands for decades. This has occurred through a series of legislation over the last six decades, culminating with the Clinton Forest Plan in 1994.

It more or less started with the Wilderness Act (1964) and the Endangered Species Act (1966). They began with good intentions like saving the bald eagles. Somewhere between their inception and today the intent has changed and the repercussions have been devastating.

The one we are living with now are the forest fires burning away in mostly federally managed land. My brother posted recently his utter disgust with the practice of letting these fires burn until life and home is threatened.

He should know. He is a retired firefighter.

In 1987, the total number acres of mostly federal forest land burned in Oregon about equaled the number acres burned from the previous 36 years combined. In 2002, there was just one fire that almost equaled the total acres burnt from 1951 to 2001. That was the Biscuit Fire in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness Area.

What's interesting is these huge



fires began about 35-40 years after the federal government intervention in the form of the acts just mentioned. That is about the same amount of time we can log a piece of land and replant it.

What these acts have in common is they ushered in a form of forest management that can be described as "passive management" versus "active management" which Dr. Bob Zybach, PhD, described as "typified by such activities as road and trail maintenance, vegetation and wildlife management, reforestation planning, and/or recreational development - all of which took place on federal forest land from 1951-86 and continue to take place on private and industrial forest today."

Passive management is what occurs in our wilderness areas and national forests. It is where we basically do nothing until they start

to burn. And then very little is done except record the fire coordinates until homes and lives are threatened.

This "passive management" isn't relying on real data and research conducted by "boots on the ground" people but on computer models and government funded science. It feels like the federal agencies are using their own science to justify their existence.

We need to actively manage our state's federal lands once again. They have to be stopped from being taken out of use and allowed to lay fallow. We need to keep the roads up, harvest timber, and continue to develop recreational areas.

Once a fire begins, we fight it immediately and hard. Once the fire is out, it needs to be cleaned up of burned trees and snags, removing future fire fuel. When we

engage in active management, we have healthy land.

Melinda Montgomery has been an educator for 35 years and is the family school teacher. She lives with her dad, a retired forest engineer and her daughter, a licensed beautician. They live on land her Grandpa Martin Montgomery owned. He was gypo logger and an exceptional cat skinner. He acquired timber land in West Lane County throughout his life and Melinda's dad has managed it with her brother and nephew picking up the reigns to continue the family legacy. She's the president of the Lane County chapter of Oregon Women In Timber and secretary for Lane Families for Farms and Forests, besides enjoying gardening, cooking, sewing, reading and camping.

Fire camp

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It takes a village to protect a village. The typical fire camp is its own self-contained city. A medical tent is there for everything from sore throats and poison oak to sprained ankles and worse. Food is cooked in large trailers and firefighters eat surprisingly good meals at tables often under circus-sized tents. For lunch, you pick up a brown bag full of 4,000 calories; it may contain sandwiches or burritos and always with fruit and sweets. Those staying in camp, not out on the fire lines, are prone to gain weight.

Showers are provided in the form of re-tooled semi-truck trailers. You take your boots off outside and are handed a large paper towel to dry off with. There's nothing much better than a shower at a hot, dusty, sticky, and smokey fire.

There is even a laundry where



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Plenty of calories have been on the menu for every meal for personnel assigned the the Lookout Fire.

you learn your "tidy-whities" might come back tinted green after being washed with the dark green government-issue fire pants. At least they're clean.

Most people bring small tents, sleeping bags, and air mattresses.

A field crammed full of hundreds of colorful tiny tents is quite a sight.

And when the fire's over? Just as magically a huge city disappears and once again cows roam lazily through a summer pasture.

Letters to the Editor



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WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM

READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE

Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
8/22	74	60	0	357 cfs	8/22	80	54	0	1,920 cfs
8/23	81	47	0	362 cfs	8/23	78	46	0	1,900 cfs
8/24	92	55	0	357 cfs	8/24	84	48	0	1,910 cfs
8/25	88	63	0	357 cf	8/25	87	51	0.04	1,920 cfs
8/26	89	57	0	357 cfs	8/26	88	54	0	1,970 cfs
8/27	85	57	0	362 cfs	8/27	87	55	0	1,880 cfs
8/28	78	56	0	353 cfs	8/28	80	59	0	1,900 cfs

Friday 9/1

McKenzie Valley AM Showers
30% chance precip
High: 76 Low: 54

Santiam Pass Rain
70% chance precip
High: 66 Low: 49

Saturday 9/2

McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy
20% chance precip
High: 79 Low: 54

Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy
20% chance precip
High: 96 Low: 51

Sunday 9/3

McKenzie Valley Mostly Cloudy
20% chance precip
High: 75 Low: 54

Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy
15% chance precip
High: 73 Low: 49

Sheriff's Report

Aug. 21: 7:25 a.m: Illegal Burn - 38000 block, MJ chase Rd.
7:04 p.m: Vicious Animal - 92200 blk, Carson St.
9:53 p.m: Arrest - 88900 blk, Ross Ln.
Aug. 22: 11:19 a.m: Welfare Check - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.
7:18 p.m: Theft - 88900 blk, Marcola Rd.
10:43 p.m: Illegal Burn - 38400 blk, Kickbusch Ln.
Aug. 23: 12:07 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 38300 blk, Kickbusch Ln.
1:47 p.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Shadows Dr.
5:07 p.m: Speeding Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Holden Creek Ln.
6:38 p.m: Criminal Mischief - Lat: 44.15458. Long: -122.23737.
7:33 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle -

55400 blk, McK. River Dr.
8:47 p.m: Burglary - 92800 blk, Saddle View Dr.
Aug. 24: 10:53 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - Marcola Rd. Milepost 4.
11:44 a.m: Towed Vehicle - 90300 blk, Sunderman Rd.
1:40 p.m: Assist Outside Agency - 37900 blk, MJ chase Rd.
1:59 p.m: Assist Public - 38800 blk, Hendricks Park Rd.
2:03 p.m: Citizen Contact - Taylor Rd. & McK. Hwy.
3:37 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Mill Creek Rd.
4:54 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Mill Creek Rd.
6:36 p.m: Elder Abuse - 51200 blk, McK. Hwy.
10:28 p.m: Assist Public - 45900 blk, Goodpasture Rd.
Aug. 25: 11:45 a.m: Safety Hazard - Bellinger Landing.
3:17 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Carson St.
4:05 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 92300 blk, Carson St.

Aug. 26: 9:11 a.m: Injured Animal - 36000 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
2:33 p.m: Reckless Driving - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.
2:58 p.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 50400 blk, McK. Hwy.
5:42 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 40100 blk, York Ln.
Aug. 27: 4:30 a.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. & Parsons Creek Rd.

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

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Aug. 21: 21:05: 38000 block, Kickbusch Ln. Made Patient Contact, Patient Refusal.
Aug. 22: 11:44: 38000 blk, Flowerdale Dr. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.
12:21: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Lift Assist.
12:30: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.
18:37: 88000 blk, Heather Dr. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
22:51: 39401 Kickbusch Ln. Unable To Locate.

Aug. 23: 13:19: 38000 blk, Flowerdale Dr. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
Aug. 24: 14:51: 82000 blk, Hungry Hill Rd. Mutual Aid provided, Cancelled En Route.
16:15: 77000 blk, Circling Hawk Ln. Mutual Aid Provided
20:51: 48000 blk, McK. Hwy. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
22:10: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Forest Fire Reported, Unable To Locate.
Aug. 25: 11:26: 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.
8:29: 37000 blk, Camp Creek Rd.. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
Aug. 26: 16:59: 37000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
Aug. 27: 3:27: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Blocking, 1 Transported.
22:48: 91000 blk, Blue River Reservoir Rd. Disregarded.
McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, September 18th at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains

traffic to clear so he could turn onto Camp Creek rd., a semi truck passed him on the right. He said the semi truck damaged his passenger side mirror. Trooper observed the caller's pickup had a damaged passenger side mirror. The caller was not able to give a description of the suspect vehicle other than it was a semi. No injuries were reported. Involved: white Chevy Silverado, 31-year-old male.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

August 15: 07:13: Motor Vehicle Accident, Non-Injury - Milepost 19, Clear Lake Cutoff. Tree down on top of caller's truck, all across highway.
Aug. 16: 11:14: Medical - 91000 block, Marbrook Ln. Crews bringing patient to Blue River Dam.
12:47: Medical - 90000 blk, Aufderheide Dr. Male, breathing, No response when yelled at.
August 19: 14:15: Medical - 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.
16:02: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.
August 21: 03:19: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.
August 22: 07:24: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.
August 27: 19:27: Smoke Check - 57000 blk, N. Bank Rd. Caller is seeing column of smoke creeping down the hill very close to house.
22:48: Medical - 91000 blk, Blue River Reservoir Rd. Female, Not Conscious, Breathing.
The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

State Police Report

Aug. 22: 09:34: Crash, Non-Injury - Camp Creek Rd. & Hwy. 126 E. Caller reported he was traveling eastbound this morning around 053 hours. As the caller was stopped waiting for oncoming

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When "The Rolls-Royce Guru" came to Oregon

By Finn J.D. John

Part Four: Unraveling

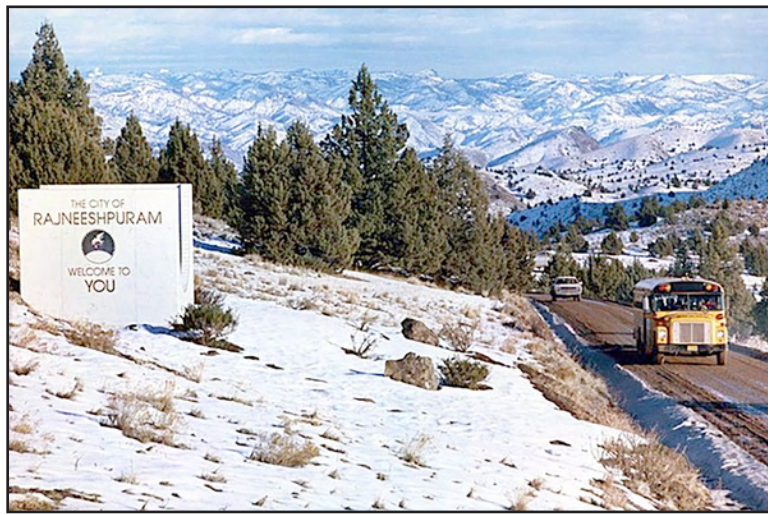
After the election, the new formerly homeless residents of Rajneeshpuram were the most pressing problem for Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and his followers. They cost a lot of money to feed and house, and they started fights and made trouble.

Rajneesh leaders started out giving them bus tickets home, but that got very expensive very fast. After all, it had cost \$1 million to bring them in by busloads; sending them home one or two at a time would be many times more than that.

So finally, the Rajneeshes gave up and, herding them all aboard buses, simply hauled them to downtown Madras and dropped them off.

Social-services agencies were forced to take on the task of getting them all home. The Salvation Army alone spent more than \$100,000 taking care of them. Other Oregonians dug deep to help out as well.

By early 1985 the Rajneeshpuram experiment was a clear failure and was obviously doomed. Rajneesh's personal secretary, Ma Anand Sheela, whose natural stubbornness continued to lead her into outright stupidity, was trying to take advantage of the homelessness problem she had



Sannyas Wiki

A Buddhafield Transportation bus brings sannyasins to Rajneeshpuram past the marble welcome sign.

created by seeking a meeting with Governor Vic Atiyeh in which she hoped to use the crisis as bargaining leverage. This, of course, went nowhere. But it made it clear to anyone who might not yet have figured it out that the Rajneeshes could not be worked with, and the only solution was to get them out of Oregon.

As the investigative walls closed in, Sheela and her staff lashed out. They tried to burn down the Wasco County Planning Department office in January 1985, plotted to crash an airplane loaded with explosives into the Wasco County Courthouse, and even tried a few assassinations. None of these ef-

forts succeeded. But an attempt to kill Rajneesh's personal physician, Swami Devaraj, nearly did. One of Sheela's lieutenants jabbed him with a syringe during a Rajneesh festival, injecting him with what she thought would be a lethal dose of adrenaline. She was nearly right.

(By the way, the motive for wanting to kill Devaraj was a rumor Sheela had heard, that Rajneesh had asked him to prepare a suicide pill for him to use if things got really bad. It's not clear if the rumor was true and it's super unlikely Devaraj would have complied with this request if it was made; but apparently Sheela took it seriously.)

By now the hostile energy was really affecting the rank-and-file Rajneeshes, and it was causing the group's income to collapse. Remember, these were spiritual seekers who were actually paying to be there and working all day on a volunteer basis. Being surrounded by hard-eyed men with Uzis all the time, and being forbidden to run to Madras to shop, made the experience of living at Rajneeshpuram a lot less appealing. And Rajneesh's continuing penchant for buying Rolls-Royces — by the end he had 94 of them — added insult to injury. It seems pretty clear that Rajneesh didn't yet understand how bad things had gotten. Sheela would come back from battling with state officials and insulting Oregon residents on TV and have to deal with the oblivious Rajneesh demanding another Rolls — he really wanted to get into the Guinness Book of World Records as the man who owned the largest collection of

them.

Finally, at long last realizing the case was hopeless, Sheela and her cabal fled the country, leaving Rajneesh behind to salvage what he might.

Rajneesh did so by basically throwing Sheela under the bus, blaming her alone for all the stupid and illegal activities and inviting law enforcement to come to Rajneeshpuram to gather the evidence they'd need against her.

And yes, they found plenty.

They found two laboratories set up to produce biological and chemical agents that could certainly be used as weapons. They also found some books detailing how that might be done. "Deadly Substances," "Handbook for Poisoning," "The Perfect Crime and How to Commit It" and "Let Me Die Before I Wake" were some of the titles.

Investigators for state and federal agencies and police departments, invited to come to Rajneeshpuram and build a case, got a real earful. Rajneesh told his followers to be completely frank and open, and they were. The depth and breadth of the criminal misconduct they learned about astonished them.

Perhaps the investigations went a little too well, though, because a few days later Rajneesh started getting less cooperative. Doubtless he was eager to help get Sheela prosecuted — he clearly felt betrayed by her — but the investigators were asking other questions as well, and some of them were landing very close to the guru himself. This was especially true with questions of his immigration status.

At the same time, some of the law enforcement officers were getting very nervous about what they were seeing at Rajneeshpuram. By now — summer of 1985 — the Rajneesh "Peace Force" was bristling with Colt AR-15 rifles and other military-style firearms, including the semi-automatic civilian variant of the Uzi submachine gun. Most investigators saw it as mostly theater, to make the group look like a harder target; but there were a lot of guns, and a lot of ammunition, and the whole compound was arranged very effectively for urban defense.

To make matters even more nerve-racking, Rajneesh had, after Sheela's departure, lifted the red-clothing requirement for the group. This meant if something went horribly wrong, it would be very hard for outsiders to tell friend from foe.

Police in the compound — both
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By Slim Randles

"I hate Labor Day," said Doc, sucking down yet another cup of coffee at the Mule Barn Coffee Shop.

"Ain't here yet," said Dud, reaching for the jelly packets. "Soon though, I guess."

"Few days," said Steve. "Doc, what do you have against Labor Day?"

Doc sighed. "I always have to work. I thought someone invented Labor Day so no one would have to work. Labor Day's about my busiest day of the year!"

"You're kidding. It's a national holiday, why would you have to work? People go fishing, go bowhunting, take the family water skiing, Climb mountains. Fun stuff."

Doc sighed again in case the fellow members of the World Dilemma Think Tank didn't catch the first sigh.

"So what happens when everybody else doesn't go to work, but goes out to have fun?" Doc said. He counted on his fingers ... "Remove fish hooks from thumbs, set broken arms when someone falls off an alp, patch up car crash victims, treat food poisoning after the teenaged son fixes the sandwiches ... you name the fun, someone's going to make me pay for it."

"That's not the worst of it, either," Doc said. "You guys believe in the power of suggestion?"

We just sat there looking stupid.

"I sure do. How many women in this little valley are due to deliver babies in the next month?"

He looked around. "The answer is nine."

"And since there's a Labor Day coming up, when do you think they'll start contractions? That's right. Some will be early, some have been trying to wait until the time is right. And that would be Labor Day. I hate Labor Day!"

"Sorry, Doc," said Herb. "I'll get your breakfast this morning."

See, somehow national holidays seem to bring out the best in us all.

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Quote of the Week

"People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing. That's why we recommend it daily."

Zig Ziglar

One particularly memorable contribution to Oregon's effort to get the homeless people taken care of came from Portland disc jockeys Dan Clark and Dave Kanner at radio station KZOO, who made a parody version of the 1962 Tommy Roe classic "Sheila," which they called "Shut Up Sheila" and released on the B side of a 45-rpm record made of red vinyl. Proceeds of the record sale went to help the homeless, and plenty of copies were sold. The lyrics ran like this:

*Sweet little Sheila, Ma Anand Sheela,
You're the Bhagwan's right-hand gal
Big-mouthed Sheila, Ma Anand Sheela,
You should take a silence vow.*

*Shut up Sheila, on the news we see ya,
Sayin' words you should not say,
She's a red disaster, that is why we ask her
To dry up and blow away.*

Me and Sheila go for a ride, oh oh oh oh feelin' funny inside.

Then little Sheila screams in my ear, ow! Ow! Ow! Shut up Sheila dear.

*Sheela said she'd feed me, she said she'd never leave me,
But the bus won't come around*

*I'm so doggone angry, stuck in Wasco County,
Man this little girl is loud.*

*Never knew a girl like a little Sheila,
Her name drives me insane,*

*And everyone in Madras Sheila calls a fascist
Says man this little girl's a pain.*

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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



FASCINATION OF HERBS & SPICES

For centuries people have used herbs and spices and credited them with magical powers. In recent years, more and more has been written about cooking with herbs and spices. Many homemakers have their own herb gardens or raise herbs on their windowsill.

People on salt free diets find herbs a great help in adding flavor to their foods, which must be served without salt.

Whether a flavoring is obtained from the leafy or another part of a plant generally determines whether it's labeled an herb or spice. With some plants you can use both parts; others you utilize one or the other.

Herbs are more likely to come from the leaves, and you use them both fresh and dried. Some of the herbs you may have heard about or have used include: thyme, tarragon, mint, parsley, oregano, chives, sage, rosemary, coriander, marjoram, and basil. Do you have some favorites?

We generally obtain spices from the bark, roots, seeds, fruit, or stems of the plants. Sometimes you use them dried and ground; other times whole. For instance, you can purchase cinnamon in a ground form and as a bark stick.

Those you may have used are: cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, paprika, anise, cumin, mustard seed, and ginger.

History of Herbs and Spices Throughout the ages, cooks, witch doctors, medical specialists, and folklorists have found various uses for herbs and spices besides flavoring foods.

Some have medicinal properties; others have been used in religious ceremonies. You will find some were believed to be love potions.

Others were considered a sign of wealth, especially during the Middle Ages. Traders of those times, too, considered spices very valuable.

Trading routes to the Orient, over land and sea, were prominent in those days to bring spices from the Far East. Marco Polo sought spices and the spice routes during his travels.

Uses of Herbs and Spices My mother-in-law used herbs and spices so well and produced intriguing flavors with her foods. What was her secret?

"Never use so much people can tell what it is," Mum once told me. "Leave them asking what you put into that recipe to make it taste so good."

Some people overwhelm you with flavors in their cooking that you can't taste the food. Now, all of this will depend on individual taste. Some cooks and their families do like the flavor of particular herbs and spices so will add more of these to their recipes. To those who like milder flavors, they'll want to be intrigued, not overwhelmed.

APPLESAUCE COOKIES are a nice harvest time dish using spices. Mix together 1/2 cup shortening, 1 egg, 1-cup sugar, and 1-cup applesauce into which you've stirred 1-teaspoon baking soda.

Sift together 2 cups flour, 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and salt. Stir into the applesauce mixture. Add 1-cup raisins or chocolate chips. Drop onto greased cookie sheets. Bake 15-20 minutes at 375 degrees F. or until done.

(c) Mary Emma Allen

(Mary Emma Allen writes from her NH home. e-mail: me.allen@juno.com)



Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



What to do in the garden in August



By Curt Kipp

Even as the days shorten precipitously during the onward march to the fall equinox, August heat is still a threat. Temperatures of 100 F and up are expected next week. Hydrate and stay cool!

But when temperatures stay reasonable, your garden needs you — and you need your garden. There's plenty you can do to help your garden. Your investment will be repaid in a multitude of ways. Gardens provide relaxation, peace of mind, food, an outlet for exercise, and just the enjoyment of a beautiful environment that you, yourself, cultivated.

What to do this month, specifically? The Oregon State University Extension Service August garden calendar has a number of suggestions. Here are a few:

* Now through mid-September is the best time to establish a new lawn.

* It's also a great time to make compost out of garden clippings, as well as garden plants that are ready to be recycled. Don't use clippings that have been treated with herbicides or "weed and feed" products, and don't compost diseased plants unless using the "hot composting" method (120-150 F).

* Feeling the heat? Your plants are, too. Use mulch to protect ornamentals and garden plants from hot weather damage. Temporary shade is another option, particularly for recent plantings.

* Prune raspberries, boysenberries, and other caneberrys after harvest.

* Where you have vacant spaces in the vegetable garden, you can now plant winter cover crops.

* Or, you can plant winter kale, Brussels sprouts, turnips, parsnips, parsley and Chinese cabbage!

* There are several pest monitoring and management issues you can address. It is best to use chemical controls only when necessary. Cultural options should come first, followed by physical (weeding), and finally biological controls. Less toxic chemical options are best.

* Read the whole article for the complete list of tips. Questions? Be sure to use your Master Gardener hotline as a resource.

Every vegetable crop has its time to be planted and every month other than December is the right time to plant ... something. (Don't feel bad for December. You have to read the seed catalog sometime!)

For August, the seed packets you need would be for fall harvest or overwintering crops. Portland Nursery's helpful Veggie Calendar (PDF) will explain your options. You can pick up the seeds and starts you need from many of our local garden centers.

There Are Good Things To Keep In Mind



As we deal with another challenging year, resolutions for change are a good idea. Among actions to avoid, however, would be spending your hard-earned dollars outside our local communities.

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Local campaign aids pilot's family

MT. JEFFERSON: The family of a pilot killed in an accident in the Mount Jefferson Wilderness got some help from a GoFundMe campaign, according to Clatsop County Sheriff's Office. The pilot was on a flight to see his son who was in the hospital. The pilot was on a flight to see his son who was in the hospital. The pilot was on a flight to see his son who was in the hospital.

Community Notes

August 31 Story Time

Story Time is back, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Leaburg Library's Children's Room, 42888 McKenzie Hwy, Children of all ages and their parents are invited for stories, crafts, and who knows what other fun things might happen. The library has a wonderful selection of picture books, books for early readers, intermediates and young adults, DVD's and audio-books, as well as fun puzzles and games.

September 1 Protect Your Property

Applications for Lane County's Firewise Grant Incentive Program will be available online beginning September 1st for residents in unincorporated Lane County.

Firewise grants provide rural property owners with funding to help complete projects that reduce the risk of wildfire, such as clearing vegetation, replacing wood shake roofing, fire-resistant landscaping materials, noncombustible exterior siding, chimney spark arrestors, and more. Up to \$15,500 in grant funding is available for each qualifying property.

Apply online at www.lane-countyor.gov/firewise through September 29th. Paper applications are also available in the Lane County Public Works Customer Service Center at 3050 North Delta Highway, Eugene.

September 1 First Fridays at Finn Rock

Join the Friends of Finn Rock Reach the first Friday of every month from 9:30 am to noon - March through November - to help care for the Finn Rock Landing area. During projects we'll be tackling invasive species, planting trees and helping to care for the public Finn Rock boat landing, kept 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.

September 9 Walterville Fair

The Walterville Grange is hosting the 71st annual Walterville Community Fair on September 9, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please plan on bringing your fair entries to enter from 7:30 to 9:30 AM (judging will start at 9:30). Show your neighbors what you have been up to by entering them into the fair. People are encouraged to enter their canning, baking, fruits and vegetables, hand crafts (quilting, crochet, knit), arts and crafts, antiques, photography (or

whatever you want to enter). There will be a parade at 11 a.m. (contact Dani at 541-747-4560 if you wish to be in the parade). Barbeque chicken dinner consisting of 1/2 chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, rolls, and brownie for \$12. Hotdogs and chips will also be available for \$3. Serving will start at 11:30. There will be lots of vendors to shop from (contact Jeff at 541-746-9974 if you wish to be a vendor). Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the day for some great prizes and drawing will take place at 3 PM. The Grange is working to raise money for replacement of the windows and siding on the west side of the community center. Check out the thermometer and see how we have progressed and feel free to chip in. See you at the fair! For more information please call 541-521-4760 and leave a message (calls will be returned).

August 26 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.

September 5 Board of Commissioners

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

September EWEB

Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend in person or watch a live stream of the meeting in real-time at <https://tinyurl.com/EWEB-Board-Meeting-08-01-23>.

Commissioners hold regularly scheduled public meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at EWEB's Roosevelt Operations Center, 4200 Roosevelt Blvd, in Eugene, typically starting at 5:30 p.m. Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

September 5 "Write your Life"

The Leaburg Library is delighted to announce that Duane Noriyuki is back with a second "Write Your Life" workshop! This six-week memoir workshop begins at 6 pm on Tuesdays, To sign up, please contact the Library Director, Marty Mealey, at 541-896-3817, or stop in at the library.

We're right next to the McKenzie Fire and Rescue building in Leaburg.

September 5 Family Story Time

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

September 6 Blue River Water Board

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

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September 8 McKenzie Food Pantry

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

September 8 2nd Friday Art Walk

From 4 to 7:30 pm at the Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield, 500 Main St.

September 9 Living River

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. If you're looking for a special place to connect to nature this year, join in the fun on the second Saturday's, March through December, and explore the Living Rivers in your backyard.

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The Block Party

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The party included flying axes, bouncing houses, hand-crafted goods, food trucks, and local libations, all featuring Springfield at its finest. A true party for those who know better, Springfield THE BLOCK Party will be back in September 2023, bigger than ever, once again combining forces with Noche Cultural for a Downtown spectacular at 225 5th St.

September 11

Parks Advisory Committee

Lane County Parks Advisory Committee will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Goodpasture Room, 3050 N Delta Hwy. in Eugene. It advises the Board of County Commissioners on park needs, recommends priorities for projects - including financial and operational development and acquisition. The committee also provides recommendations regarding long-range planning for future park programs and needs, and serves as a liaison group representing the concerns of the community

September 11

Springfield School Board

7 pm - 8:30 pm. The Board

Kenward F. "Skip" Cosper Memorial Cancelled

It is with deep regret that the family of Skip Cosper have decided to cancel Skip's memorial due to the number of active wild fires in and around McKenzie Bridge. The wellbeing of the McKenzie Community is of great importance to us and do not want anyone to unnecessarily jeopardize themselves or their health in order to attend. We are so grateful to all of the many individuals who are working diligently to fight the fires and preserve the homes of a community that has already lost so much.

It is our intention to hold Skip's memorial in the springtime. Once a new date has been chosen we will make further announcements.

Our hearts are with you,
 The Cosper Family

Springfield Public Schools launches new set of responsive, mobile-first designed websites

Springfield Public Schools (SPS) launched a complete new set of websites with technology partner Finalsite August 18th. The move to the new content management system (CMS) required the development of 22 websites (including an intranet).

"As we head into the 2023-24 school year, this is a great opportunity for our students and families to access digital resources and information," said Todd Hamilton, Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools. "The website will highlight the great work happening in our classrooms and better connect families with their schools to cultivate a flourishing learning environment."

The redesign started in April. Web design focused on enhanced accessibility, user experience, and quality design. Development of the new websites required more than 1,000 work hours, the publishing of 2,604 pages, and migrating 914 forms, files, handouts, and recipes.

"We deliberately chose a simple, modern view to not only better connect parents to critical resources, but to easily elevate the powerful stories happening throughout our district," said Brian Richardson, Director of Communications and Commu-



nity Engagement. "We're excited to highlight and amplify the work to ensure every student becomes a graduate prepared for a bright and successful future."

As part of the refreshed design, each school in the district now has its own domain and URL, and the district's web theme meets or exceeds federal guidelines for website accessibility. In addition, the new web sites coincide with the launch of several innovations for the district, including a new menu platform, new cosmetology program facilities for fall term, and a complete new set of K-12 curricular materials.

The District also created a survey to help gather feedback about the new design. The survey will remain open until mid-September.

<h2>An Invitation to Worship</h2>	<p>Living Water Family Fellowship Pastor - Doug Farrington 52353 McKenzie Hwy - Milepost 42 541-822-3820 Gathering Sundays at 10:00 AM, Children's ministry also. Come early for a meet and greet continental breakfast and coffee at 9:30 AM. Thursdays, 6:00 PM, Celebrate Recovery (12 Step Program)</p>
<p>McKenzie Bible Fellowship 45061 McKenzie Hwy - Vida, Oregon Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m. Youth Ministries KidsFest Family Activities Small Group Fellowships Men's & Women's Bible Studies Call 896-3829 for information www.mckenziebible.com</p>	<p>Catholic Church St. Benedict Lodge Chapel 1/2 mile off Hwy. 126 on North Bank Rd., McKenzie Bridge Sat. Eve. 5:00pm Sun. Morn. 9:30am; web page: sblodge.opwest.org</p>
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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

Go Between



Igor Rodrigues

I enjoy reading your column every week. I want to tell you about a family problem I am having at present. Recently, our youngest daughter divorced after 22 years of marriage and two teenagers. This was a great shock to all the family as she never told anyone of her unhappy situation.

Now she is living with her high school sweetheart, who is also divorced. She says she is very, very happy. My big problem is that my husband of 54 years will not accept the situation and refuses to speak to this daughter.

I am not happy either, but have accepted it as I want to keep communication open with my daughter. How should I handle this problem with my husband?

Adelle

Adelle, we live in tornado country, and every few years a small town near us will be

devastated. Many people lose their home, their possessions, and their livelihood. The next morning, some people are clearing rubble and rebuilding their lives, while others are wandering around, stunned by their loss.

We vary enormously in our responses. Some people heal faster than others, and some adjust to change faster than others. Your husband lost a part of his life, and a son-in-law, he never expected to lose. Perhaps he is like the tough old oak not easily bent. You are more like the willow, which is flexible and bends in a storm without breaking.

For now, you need to give your husband the time he needs to adapt to the change and be the flexible connection between father and daughter. You are like the old-style telephone operator making connections between two people. As long as you are in touch with both, keeping each aware of the other, you keep the distance between them from getting too great.

That is a positive, not a negative. There needs to be a little time for healing all around for everyone in this situation. Perhaps in time, or in a crisis, the connection can be made more direct. Your husband and your daughter may only be one incident, or one holiday, away

from coming together.

Wayne and Tamara

Opportunity

My boyfriend and I have always had our differences, and though we are both strong-headed, we have learned to appreciate each other. We've been talking about marriage, but there is one issue I cannot get past. He is so selfish!

He contributes little to the household duties and financial obligations such as food and cleaning supplies. He spends large amounts of money on weekends and vacations with the boys, but can only rarely take me out to dinner. He shops the Wal-Mart clearance racks for holiday gifts. Christmas was a toothbrush and bathmats.

I strongly dislike the area we live in and would like to relocate. He says he grew up here and will never live anywhere else. I was recently laid off, and the only positions in my field are in other cities. I want to work so I can fulfill half of the financial obligations, but he says he cannot leave and I should just keep looking.

Prudence

Prudence, opportunity knocks all the time, but the problem is we usually can't recognize it for what it is. We expect the Prize Patrol to show up with balloons and a check for a million dollars. That isn't going to happen. Usually, opportunity shows up as something mundane, like getting laid off from our job and thinking

about where our life is headed.

You are thinking about marriage, but you should think about 50 years of bathmats and toothbrushes from a selfish man. You want to keep up your half, but where is his half?

You've been given an opportunity to live where you choose. When you go there, you may find a man who doesn't have differences you can't live with.

Wayne and Tamara

Then I put him in a cage

Where he lived many days cawing angrily at me

When I offered him food. Daily I search the realms of Hades

For the soul of the hawk, That I may offer him the friendship

Of one whom life wounded and caged.

Edgar Lee Masters was born in Garnett, Kansas, and he grew up in the small towns of Lewistown and Petersburg, Illinois. The author of 40 books of poetry and prose, Masters is best remembered for his great collection Spoon River Anthology (1915), a sequence of over 200 free-verse epitaphs spoken from the cemetery of the town of Spoon River. His honors include the Shelley Memorial Award, a grant from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and the Academy of American Poets Fellowship. Although Masters published many more works, including novels, history and a sequel, The New Spoon River (1924), he never succeeded in producing another volume to match his masterpiece. Spoon River Anthology made him famous, but it also contributed to some of the sadness in his life, and it is (to borrow from it) his 'true epitaph, more lasting than stone.' Masters died in Philadelphia in 1950.

American Life in Poetry

The Poetry Foundation is now providing a Poem of the Day.

The Unknown

By Edgar Lee Masters

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Who lies here with no stone to mark the place.

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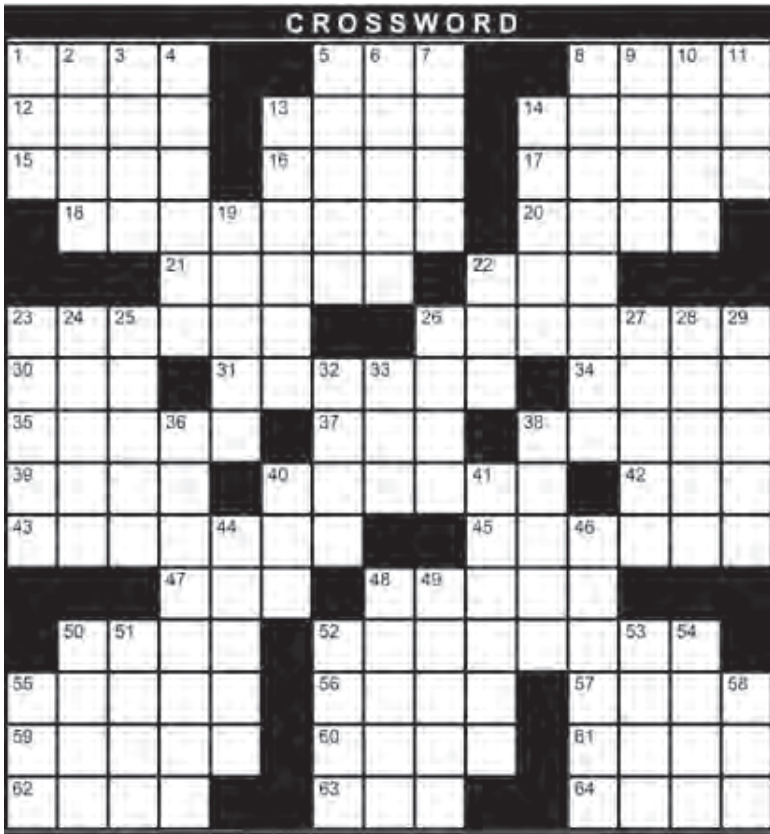
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- 59. Greek Bs
- 60. Bank on
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- 9. Deliver a tirade
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- 14. Retire from military
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- 25. Manila hemp
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- 38. Not our
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- 48. Chose between competitors
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- 14. Honeybunch
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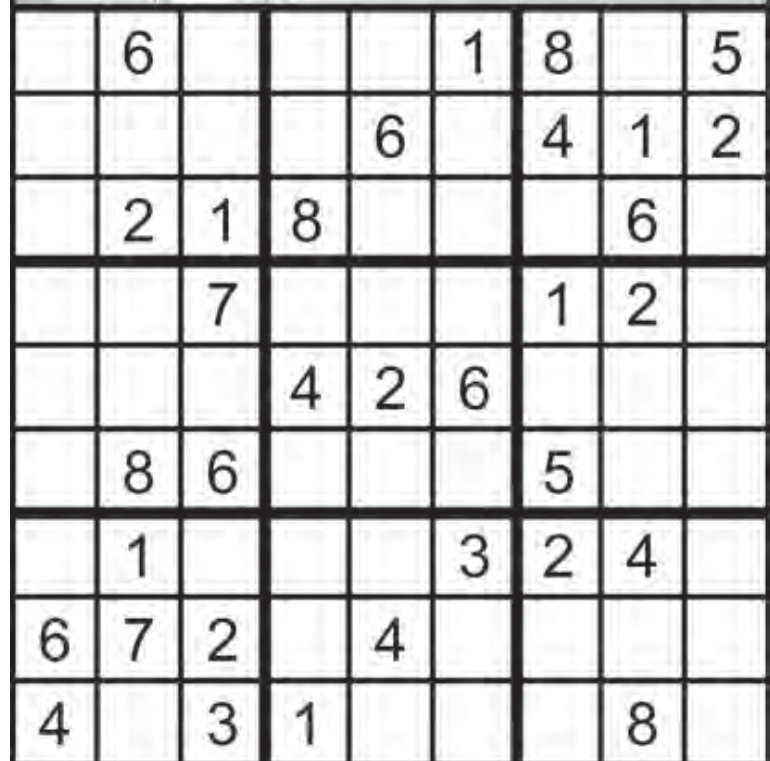
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Stay in touch with what's happening - open the McKenzie Community Calendar!

Click here or go to: tinyurl.com/yeye92hx

Tue Oct 3rd 8:00pm

WRITE YOUR LIFE

The Leaburg Library is delighted to announce that Duane Noriyuki is back with a second "Write Your Life" workshop! This six-week

Fri Sep 1st - Fri 29th

Protect Your Property

Applications for Lane County's Firewise Grant Incentive Program will be available online beginning September 1st for residents

STORY TIME

Story Time is back at Leaburg Library! We invite children of all ages and their parents to join us in the Children's Room every

Thu Aug 31st 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley

Join us for a one-hour presentation by Dr. David Lewis on his research for his new book, Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley. From ...

Sat Sep 2nd 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

Fri Sep 1st 9:30am - 12:00pm

Volunteer: First Fridays at Finn Rock Reach

Join the Friends of Finn Rock Reach the first Friday of every month from March through November to help care for the Finn Rock Landing ...

Mon Sep 4th 1:00pm - 6:00pm

O'Brien Memorial Library Book Sale 9/4 at McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals Community Celebration

Canceled due to Lockout Fire impacts. The O'Brien Memorial Library will host a table at the Sept 4th McKenzie River Locals

Mon Sep 4th 1:00pm - 6:00pm

McKenzie River Community Festival

Canceled due to Lockout Fire impacts. Food, fun, live music, games, kids' zone, local artisans, and more. Locals Helping Locals will be

Tue Sep 5th 10:00am - 11:00am

COFFEE WITH THE LOCALS

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

Tue Sep 5th

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 Sep 5th 10:00am - 11:00am

Family Story Time

Some special FUN at Camp Creek Church for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship!

Tue Sep 5th 5:30pm - 8:00pm

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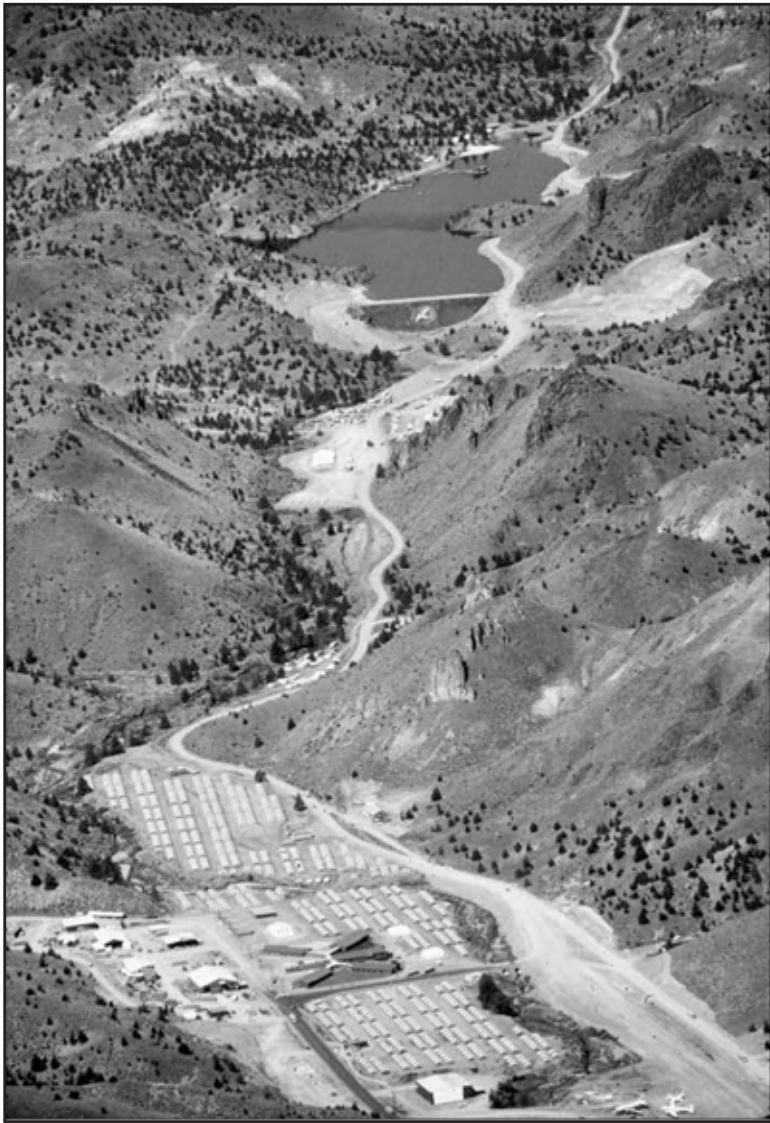
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Rajneeshpuram as seen from an aerial shot up the canyon circa 1984.

investigators invited in by Rajneesh and undercover agents posing as followers — started warning darkly that any attempt to arrest Rajneesh would be likely to turn messy and bloody. The worst-case scenario still fresh in everyone's mind was Jonestown, which had happened just a few years earlier.

Then came the spark that could have blown the whole thing up: The warrant came through. It was a sealed indictment from a court in Portland charging Rajneesh with immigration violations.

This presented law enforcement officers with a serious problem. It was now their duty to go and get him. But they would have to be very careful. It was not hard to imagine what the Peace Patrol could potentially do: they had hundreds of innocent noncombatants in their direct control and a huge arsenal at their disposal. They could surround themselves with a human shield of women and children. They could take hostages. Would

they? What would they do?

Luckily, no one ever found out. Because a few days later, Rajneesh boarded a chartered Learjet and flew to North Carolina with a small entourage of his people. This flight has been characterized as an attempt to flee to Bermuda, and it may have been so; but the complete absence of any kind of secrecy, along with the fact that he filed a detailed flight plan with the Federal Aviation Administration and followed it to the letter, suggests that Rajneesh was at least half expecting to be intercepted. Most likely his departure was motivated by Rajneesh's growing worries that his presence could bring trouble upon his people.

In any case, Rajneesh's flight meant that instead of having to invade a heavily armed compound with a huge SWAT team, authorities simply had to dispatch two U.S. Marshals Service officers to the North Carolina airport and pick him up there.

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Cycling survey results

Throughout the month of April, Lane County surveyed rural households within eight geographic communities to learn more about what people are experiencing on county roads. The survey was possible thanks to grant funding from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development's Rural Transportation Equity Program. The information will be used to implement the Lane County Bicycle Master Plan, which identified investments needed to support bicycling as a transportation option in rural Lane County.

"Bicycling is a viable regional transportation option throughout Lane County for people of all ages and abilities, linking communities to destinations and services, and connecting where they live, work, and play," according to the Lane County Bicycle Master Plan, Vision Statement of 2022.

This survey was designed to hear directly from rural residents, especially priority populations, such as low-income households and people who are more dependent on walking and biking to access critical services. Because the needs are so great, exceeding available resources, Lane County needs to secure additional funding to implement the Bicycle Master Plan. A strong demonstration of project need and community support greatly increases Lane County's confidence and competitive-



Manfred Antranias Zimmer

ness in applying for grant funding for projects that improve safety for all roadway users, whether walking, biking, driving, or riding the bus.

Over 3,616 rural community members participated in the survey, sharing information about their experiences on Lane County roads. Based on the information gathered, the survey effectively reached households with lower incomes, disabilities, and elderly people. Expanding transportation options for priority populations is essential in order to provide equal access to services and improve the overall health of the larger community of Lane County.

The information gathered affirmed the following:

* There is demand/need. The community survey resulted in 2,595 people reporting that they are currently walking/biking/rolling on Lane County roads under current conditions; however, 1,823 reported safety concerns. The lack of/narrow roadway shoulder was the top safety concern.

* There is support for change. The community survey resulted in 2,086 people reporting that they would walk/bike/roll more if there were greater separation from vehicle traffic.

For more information, contact: Becky Taylor, Senior Transportation Planner, Lane County, becky.taylor@lanecountyor.gov (541) 682-6932



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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
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August 31 - John Ledyard was an adventurer. He was born in Connecticut and shipped out as a young man to join the British Navy at Gibraltar. From England he sailed with Captain James Cook in a search for the fabled Northwest Passage. His reports on the voyage, published in 1783, convinced President Thomas Jefferson of the need to send an expedition to the Northwest. Ledyard continued his life of adventure: attempting to cross the vast reaches of Siberia to reach the North American coast and planning a safari into the interior of Africa. He was not able to accomplish all his dreams and died at age 38 in 1789.

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 - 1,000.

Fish Counts

August 15, Willamette Falls
Spring Chinook - 23,422
Summer Steelhead - 958

Mechanized birds

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Mike Yearwood/USFS

There are a few different types of drone used by firefighters. Rotor wing drones resemble more of what recreational drone pilots might fly, ranging from a small one- square foot to a medium 6-square feet. These types of drones operate nearer to the front lines supporting individual divisions of firefighters to give them a closer look and inform their strategies. Rotor wings can also be used for aerial ignition which burns up existing fuels ahead of the fire to starve it and creates a wider fuel break. (USDA Forest Service photo courtesy of Mike Yearwood)

The sky is theirs, and the overhead view they have of the fire is detailed and in real time.

"The way we use UAS now is very much a supplement," said Justin Baxter, the Forest Service National UAS Operations Specialist. "There are certain times that it's just not safe for us to utilize manned helicopters or fixed-wing aircraft, like nighttime operations or in thick smoke or high winds. But during those times there are still firefighters out there trying to complete the day's objectives and put the fire out."

The drones that Baxter and his team fly are equipped with cameras that are not your normal cameras. They come equipped with multiple types of sensors, including infrared, that allow the team to see through smoke and, at night, see heat signatures, or thermal-based imaging. This allows the team to identify areas where fire is still active and new areas where flames have advanced, such as spot fires.

Spot fires occur when embers from the main fire are thrown into the air and pushed by wind until they fall to the ground, starting a new fire. They are notoriously hard to identify because they are small at first and visibility is diminished by smoke. They also may occur in hard-to-reach places difficult for firefighters to patrol, like on steep slopes or down in drainages.

"Drones are changing that labor-intensive process to identify these spot fires, especially when an operational area can span hundreds of thousands of acres," Baxter said. With drones, fire managers and incident management teams can scan large areas quickly and easily identify spot fires up to about a mile from the main fire. That information is relayed and enables firefighters to get in and suppress those new starts before they grow.

"To give you an idea, this drone can pick up a 2-inch-by-2-inch spot fire from a half-mile away," said Baxter as he gestured to the imposing drone just to his left min-

utes before takeoff to fly around the perimeter of the Six Rivers Lightning Complex Fire near Willow Creek, California.

Baxter said that much has changed since 2015 when the agency began the UAS program. With each passing year, incident management teams have increasingly incorporated the capability into their strategies.

The communication between the UAS crew and firefighters on the ground flows in both directions. The drone may be flying over and see heat in an area and radio it into the hotshot crew to check out. Conversely, the hotshot crew can radio in to the UAS crew and ask for assistance in exploring an area that they suspect might be active, and then view a feed from the drone of the area in question.

John Crotty served as the air operations branch director with California Interagency Incident Management Team 15 that responded to the Lightning Complex Fire on the Six Rivers National Forest.

Aerial intelligence isn't new in wildland firefighting, said Crotty referring to the recently retired Cobra helicopter and its capabili-

ties. But the implications of unmanned flight - that opens up new possibilities.

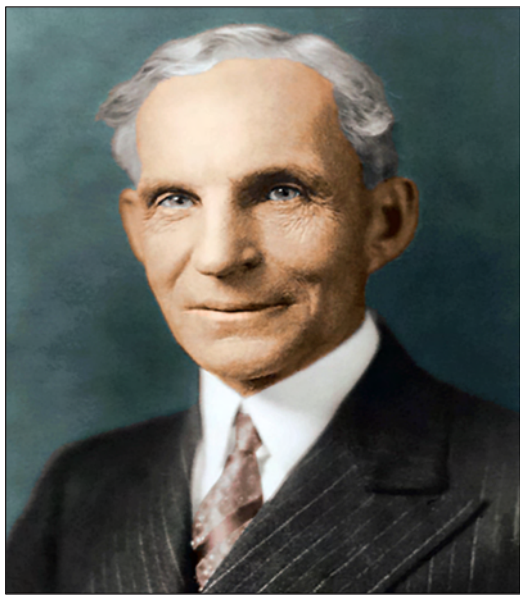
"With the Cobra aircraft, we needed a pilot and an interpreter up there to run the camera and talk to the folks on the ground. So, we expose two individuals plus a flight [to risk]," said Crotty, "But what we really needed was the visibility to fly."

Thick smoke on the fires lean ground manned aircraft. That's where drones come into play and the images it captures can inform firefighters working across a large area.

"The other day I heard from one of the hotshot crews out there. They were in heavy smoke conditions, at night. With the low visibility they couldn't see if they had a spot fire across the line," Crotty said. "This tool being up in the air, looking down at that exact area, the UAS crew was able to pinpoint the spot and provide precise coordinates to the firefighters who were able to check it out and put it out. That kind of information we would never have without these unmanned aircraft and that capability."

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Call to conserve energy yielded savings

EWEB says future “demand responses” expected

By acting collectively and making small adjustments to temporarily reduce energy consumption, customers of the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) played a crucial role in maintaining grid stability during last week’s extreme heat wave.

Electricity was in short supply for several days last week as temperatures crested 100 degrees for four days in a row and several regional electricity generators were shut down due wildfire conditions, including EWEB’s Carmen-Smith hydroelectric project.

In response, EWEB issued its first-ever voluntary call for customers to safely conserve energy on Tuesday, Aug. 15, sending an email to 66,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers, and issuing an alert on social media.

Customers responded in force by raising the temperature settings on their air conditioners, charging electric vehicle overnight rather than in the evening, delaying running large appliances such as dryers or dishwashers until after 9 p.m. and turning off unnecessary lights and electronics.

By comparing customers’ hourly electricity demand on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, EWEB estimated that customers’ actions caused demand to be 10 to 15 megawatts lower than expected, given the temperatures and compounding heat effects. That’s roughly the equivalent of 10,000 to 15,000 window air conditioners getting shut off.

“The whole community came



The Carmen Smith hydroelectric plant.

together in this time of duress to do something none of us could do on our own,” said EWEB Chief Energy Resources Officer Brian Booth. “The results show that if everyone makes a small individual effort, then we can have a huge collective impact.”

By paring back consumption, customers both reduced strain on the grid and contributed to keeping EWEB’s electric rates low by helping EWEB avoid paying exorbitant prices for electricity on the wholesale market. Power prices fluctuate by the hour, and customers’ actions allowed EWEB to skip purchasing some energy when prices were at their highest – ultimately saving EWEB customers money on rates in the long run.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, power prices ranged from \$70 per megawatt-hour overnight, when

demand was lowest, to as high as \$1,800 per megawatt-hour from 5 to 8 p.m. when demand was highest. At the peak of the day, when prices were highest, reduced energy usage saved EWEB and customers approximately \$10,000 per hour.

“As a publicly owned utility, every dollar we save is a dollar that our customer-owners ultimately don’t have to spend on rates. Instead, we’re able to keep rates low and continue to invest in community assets today that will keep us resilient tomorrow,” Booth said. “At the same time, when customers trim electricity demand when it’s at its highest, they reduce carbon emissions, since peak electricity tends to have higher carbon emissions.”

Call to conserve mirrors future demand response possibilities.

Future customer programs that

EWEB will soon start assessing could look like last week’s call to conserve.

Electric utilities across the Northwest and the entire nation have instituted various “demand response” programs that incentivize customers to use less electricity when overall demand is at its highest.

Some programs connect the smart thermostats of customers who enroll to the utility’s systems, which can then cycle them on and off to reduce electricity consumption at peak times. Others similarly use smart electric vehicle chargers that the utility can cycle off during peak demand.

Still others use rates and pricing structures that incentivize customers to reduce their peak consumption on their own. Time-of-use rates, critical peak pricing and similar pricing schemes charge customers different amounts depending on when they use electricity. Others, such as peak-time rebates, compensate customers for scaling back consumption during peak periods.

All these programs largely depend on advanced metering infrastructure, or smart meters. EWEB has been rolling out smart meters to customers free of charge over the last several years, though supply chain disruptions in the last two years have slowed down deployment. So far, EWEB has deployed more than 68,000 electric smart meters, covering about 69% of customers.

Demand response programs also rely on modern back-end computer systems that better integrate information related to metering, energy supply, customer demand and billing. EWEB is currently undergoing a major technology upgrade to do just that.

“Demand response programs are one of the most promising methods we have to dynamically respond to wholesale electricity markets that are becoming more and more extreme and challenging,” Booth said. “As the North-

west adds more and more variable resources such as wind and solar to the grid, we need to better align demand with supply. Customers will play a key role in that.”

EWEB’s 2023 Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process identified demand response programs as a key element of the utility’s future resource mix. The IRP forecasted electricity demand 20 years into the future and used modeling software to analyze dozens of resource options – such as wind, solar and hydropower – to create potential mixes of electricity sources that will reliably meet customers’ needs at the lowest price while being 95% carbon-free.

The analysis yielded valuable insights about the challenges EWEB faces in the future. EWEB doesn’t need to procure any resources in the next few years and will instead spend that time conducting additional analysis and preparing for the 2025 IRP.

One of those studies will look specifically at demand response. The study will seek to determine how much potential exists among EWEB customers for demand response programs, which ones are the best fit, how much they would cost to administer and what benefits would result. EWEB will also conduct a study on the potential to incentivize customers to conserve and consume less energy overall.

With climate change worsening, conditions like EWEB faced last week will only grow more common – and with that the need for flexible energy consumption.

“When evaluating customers’ response to last week’s request to conserve, I get excited about the value for participating customers if we had a formal demand response program,” Booth said. “If we could count on customers to provide that same response in the future when we experience extreme weather events, that same level of response represents many millions of dollars’ worth of battery storage, for example, that we potentially could avoid building.”

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