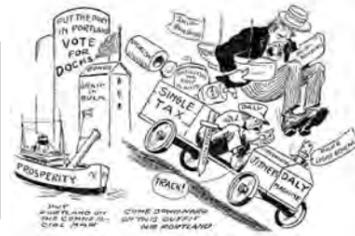




### JP Doodles

Time to weigh some pluses and minuses?

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### Black-bag job

While his number-one enemy took over the city government.

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## Dealing with wildfire risks

### Utilities are implementing new plans

Wildfire preparedness has generated a focus on preparing, protecting and planning for public utilities as they developed a response to Oregon legislation passed after recent horrendous fire seasons. Both the Eugene Water & Electric Board and the Lane Electric Cooperative are reaching out to the public to familiarize people with what they've developed.

EWEB says its mitigation activities are designed to protect public safety, reduce risk to utility customers and promote electrical system resilience to wildfire damage. Earlier this year, the utility's board allocated \$1 million for wildfire mitigation activities.

Details of EWEB's plans include year-round maintenance and inspections, vegetation removal and tree trimming for clearance around electrical equipment, as well as fire-fuel reduction projects within high-risk fire zones.

The utility will also launch infrastructure projects to improve

reliability and benefit wildfire mitigation by using fire-resistant equipment and construction methods.

That approach could be similar to work already completed in two upriver areas, according to Jeannine Parisi, EWEB's resiliency manager. In the Deer Creek area, new metal poles were used when power lines were relocated away from riparian areas. Further downriver, when EWEB restrung 1,700 feet of their lines along North Gate Creek Road, crews used a "slimline format" that stacked the lines laterally, instead of horizontally to creating additional clearance should any nearby branches fall.

People can also expect utilities to increase efforts to monitor weather conditions. One example is the ALERTWildfire camera recently installed on an EWEB communications tower near the Carmen-Smith hydroelectric

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## Counteracting quakes

### Crews are busy beefing up McKenzie Schools buildings



Chambers Construction crews inside the old gymnasium at McKenzie Schools have been busy making the structure much better able to deal with any potential earthquake activity.

FINN ROCK: Three upgrade projects were put into motion the week after McKenzie Community Schools classes let out on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Scheduled to run through the summer and fall, the work is being done by Chambers Construction of Eugene.

Some of the most extensive work involves the "Old Gym." Work on the structure was made possible by the Seismic Re-

habilitation Grant Program through Business Oregon, a consortium of public agencies within the state. The school district was awarded \$2.3 million dollars to ensure the gym would be better able to withstand an earthquake while also providing a safe way to exit for students and staff. In addition, the upgrades could potentially upgrade the building as a community gathering point, much like

the New Gym did following the Holiday Farm Fire.

Part of the work involves removing sections of the original wood paneling so plywood can be installed to make load-bearing walls stronger. As much as possible of paneling is beginning salvaged so it can be placed back over the plywood structures.

The ceiling is also being

**Seismic - Page 2**

## Ash borers - a threat to Oregon

### Destructive pest is now in 35 states

The long-anticipated arrival of the destructive emerald ash borer (EAB) has sharpened concerns about the impacts to Oregon's urban forests, wetlands and streams.

Wyatt Williams is the Oregon Department of Forestry's Invasive Species Specialist. For the past couple years he's been managing a federal grant to try and save the gene pool of the state's only native ash species ahead of a pest that could wipe it out.

"Since it was first found in the

Detroit, Michigan area back in 2002, EAB has become the most destructive and costliest forest pest ever to invade North America," said Williams. "This little insect (it's only half an inch long and an eighth of an inch wide) has spread to 35 states and five Canadian provinces, killing up to 99 percent of their ash trees in some locations. At least five ash species native to the central U.S. have become critically endangered as EAB spreads across the country

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Serpentine larvae create unique patterns that help identify an infestation.

## Are you hoarding junk, or valuables?

### Could national TV return to the River this October?

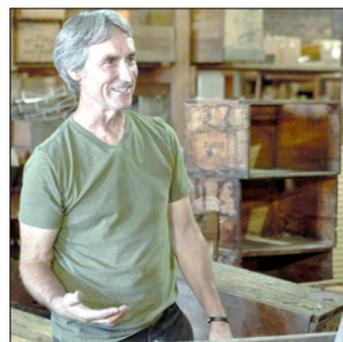
In June of 2011, the Antiques Roadshow crew visited Nirod for a segment on antique fishing gear at the Eagle Rock Lodge. The History Channel's American Pickers show is now scouting places to film episodes of the series in Oregon.

The documentary series explores the world of antique "picking" by following skilled professionals who hunt for America's most valuable antiques. The show's producers say they are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

Over several years segments have hit the back roads from coast to coast. Along the way, crew members have met characters with remarkable and exceptional items. At times the show has highlighted historically significant objects and illuminated a

thing or two about America's past along the way.

"The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before," according to Jasmina Joseph, producer of American Pickers. "They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them."



Mike Wolfe, of the American Pickers TV show.

Joseph said the show is looking for leads and would love to explore hidden treasures. "We at American Pickers continue to take the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC," he said. "Nevertheless, we are excited to continue reaching the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking and are eager to hear their memorable stories."

People with, or know someone who has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques, they'd like to feature can contact the show with your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection, along with photos to: americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call (646) 493-2184 facebook: @GotAPick

# Guest Opinion

## Big Tech is steamrolling newspapers

By Brett Wesner  
Google and Facebook have enormous economic and political power in society – especially over the news industry. Many ask if they have played a role in the misinformation that erodes our free press and plagues our democracy.

Google and Facebook have a duopoly of the distribution of digital news content, which drives people to their platforms where they make money. The platforms hoard critical data and use clever tactics, like reframing stories in rich previews, to keep users on their sites – siphoning off the advertising revenue that small and local publishers need and weakening their ability to be rewarded for their own content.

Google and Facebook generated \$4 million in U.S. advertising revenue every 15 minutes during the first quarter of 2022. That amount could fund hundreds of local journalists in every state in the country.

It's no wonder that, despite record news consumption, local newspapers across the country have seen diminished revenues – leading many to lay off journalists or go out of business. Local newspapers simply can't compete with these national platforms, Google

and Facebook. The imbalance of power between these platforms and local newspapers – let alone any single local paper – is so vast that newspapers cannot negotiate the exploitation of news. But antitrust laws shield Google and Facebook from the possibility of news publishers working together to demand better terms.

No company should have this much control over the news. Congress must take action to curb undue influence of Big Tech on the news media industry – and the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA) aims to do just that.

The JCPA is specifically designed to address Google's and Facebook's anticompetitive practices. The proposed legislation would provide a temporary, limited antitrust safe harbor for small and local news publishers to collectively negotiate with Facebook and Google for fair compensation for the use of their content. The policy also incentivizes and rewards publishers who invest in their journalists and newsroom personnel, awarding outlets with demonstrated investments in their staff a larger portion of the funds that result from the negotiations.

By addressing Google's and



Facebook's monopoly power and ensuring more subscription and advertising dollars flow back to publishers, the JCPA not only protects and promotes quality news, but also encourages competition.

In today's partisan political climate, it is rare for Democrats and

Republicans to agree on anything – but the JCPA is one important exception. Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle agree: we need to pass the JCPA to ensure that publishers – especially small and local publishers – are treated fairly and can serve their

communities.  
*Brett Wesner, Chair, National Newspaper Association; president, Wesner Publications, Cordell, Oklahoma*

## State offers \$10 million in grants to help 2020 wildfire property owners

By: Lynne Terry  
Oregon Capital Chronicle  
Thousands of Oregonians whose homes or businesses were damaged by the 2020 wildfires are eligible for state grants to help protect them from future wildfire damage.

The state Department of Consumer and Business Services said Monday it is offering up to \$7,500 for a manufactured home or \$6,800 for another home or business to pay for renovations that "harden" the structures against wildfire damage. The grants cover roofs, walls, decks and porches, windows and skylights, overhangs and ventilation improvements.

The agency has \$10 million for hardening projects and estimates that owners of about 4,300 damaged homes or businesses would qualify for grants. Owners must complete the work and then apply for reimbursement.

The grants are open to anyone who made fire hardening fixes since the 2020 Labor Day wildfires. On Sept. 7 and 8 that year, windstorms kicked up five megafires that spread to more than 100,000 acres and 12 smaller blazes that scorched up to about 50,000 acres. In days, the fires burned more than 1 million acres, destroyed thousands of structures, displaced tens of thousands of

people and killed nine, according to the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, which supports the timber industry. The fires caused millions of dollars in damage.

Wildfires in 2021 also damaged hundreds of structures, especially the Bootleg fire which started in July, but the grants only apply to 2020 damage.

Last Monday, the Oregon Department of Forestry declared that wildfire season had started statewide.

Fire hardening helps structures resist damage. Renovations include using materials in roofing and siding that prevent ignition, installing fire-resistant windows or installing attic ventilation systems that can keep embers out. "These improvements are particularly effective at preventing ignition from embers, which can

travel great distances from wildfires," said Alana Cox, an agency administrator. "We hope this program will help people affected by the wildfires build back more fire-resistant communities."

The program includes specific amounts for each type of improvement: roofing – \$2,200, external wall covering – \$1,750, ventilation – \$350, overhangs, cantilevers and projections – \$400, porches, balconies and decks – \$550, windows and skylights – \$500, skirting on manufactured homes – \$500, and accessory structures – \$500 per structure with a \$1,000 maximum.

Mark Peterson, spokesman for the Consumer and Business Services Department, said owners who qualify can receive grants in several categories.

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Labor Day wildfires in 2020 caused millions of dollars in damage.

## Seismic stability

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strengthened with plywood and the acoustic tile up there will be replaced as well.

Below ground, concrete is being poured into new forms for strengthened connections. Although that work is scheduled to be completed in September, there may be a segment where students and staff will have to work around the construction.

Some other work on the storage building, concession stand, and replacement of the grandstand is scheduled to be completed by late October. Those structures are being replaced with fire-resistant materials and will occupy the same footprint as the original buildings

The rebuilt grandstands will have approximately the same capacity as the ones that were lost in the fire be and covered along with a press box. Work on those

projects is being funded through a combination of insurance, FEMA, and state wildfire funds.

Over at the "New" Gym work will include replacing the failing roof, damaged siding, and waterproofing the foundation to make the structure water-tight. Funding for that work came via state wildfire grant funds secured by Senator Prozanski and Representative Hayden. Work there has been delayed due to some concerns around supply chain issues with roofing materials but is slated to begin in early August.

School Superintendent Lane Tompkins is pleased with the combination of improvements. "We're excited to undertake this work to help preserve the school for our students, staff, and the entire McKenzie community," he says.

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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		
7/12	92	63	0	300 cfs	7/12	96	59	0	2,830 cfs
7/13	84	60	0	300 cfs	7/13	93	56	0	2,880 cfs
7/14	83	53	0	300 cfs	7/14	82	50	0	2,750 cfs
7/15	84	55	0	304 cfs	7/15	84	52	0	2,560 cfs
7/16	81	52	0	309 cfs	7/16	84	54	0	2,610 cfs
7/17	76	57	0	300 cfs	7/17	77	58	0	2,550 cfs
7/18	82	48	0	309 cfs	7/18	78	47	0	2,560 cfs

# Sheriff's Report

**July 14: 1:30 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 44400 block, McK. Hwy.

**7:48 a.m:** Dead Animal - 92200 blk, Whitmore St.

**10:01 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 91700 blk, Marcola Rd.

**1:07 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Camp Creek Rd.

**2:11 p.m:** Fraud - 8400 blk, Thurston Rd.

**6:09 p.m:** Mental Subject - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**July 15: 12:08 a.m:** Recover Stolen Vehicle - 38900 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

**12:45 a.m:** Prowler - 88200 blk, Tiki Ln.

**2:07 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Murdoch St. Caller is in the process of being evicted from a residence in the area. Another person in the neighborhood has been calling her derogatory names.

**5:02 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & N. Bank Rd.

**5:59 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Milepost 44.

**July 16: 4:38 a.m:** Repossessed Vehicle - 88200 blk, Charley Ln.

**5:32 a.m:** Stranded Boater - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**7:36 a.m:** Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 33500 blk, McK. View Dr.

**10:52 a.m:** Assist Fire Dept. - 38900 blk, Wendling Rd.

**1:59 p.m:** Fire, Down Line - 50100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**2:24 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - McGowan Quarry.

**2:59 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 91600 blk, Burton Dr.

**3:05 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Driving Under the Influence - 36300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**3:42 p.m:** Theft From Vehicle - 89100 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.

**8:07 p.m:** Assist Public - McK. River above Hayden Bridge.

**8:29 p.m:** Minor In Possession - 38400 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.

**11:07 p.m:** Weapon, Shots Fired - 42900 blk, McK. Hwy.

**July 17: 3:53 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 89800 blk, Greenwood Dr. Caller reported

her friend was missing after he didn't show up to give her a ride. Deputies reached the friend who advised that he was avoiding the caller.

**6:59 p.m:** Criminal Mischief - 39000 blk, Wendling Rd. A caller caught someone attempting to pick a lock on the caller's property. The suspect fled toward Marcola in a silver Dodge van. He was described as a white male adult approximately 22 years old.

**July 18: 3:55 a.m:** Alarm - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**5:38 a.m:** Alarm - 43100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:26 p.m:** Water Patrol - Bellinger Landing.

**8:05 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Macola Rd. & Nadeau Rd.

ended a gray Jeep Cherokee. No injuries were sustained. Involved: 81-year-old female, 27-year-old female, both from Springfield.

**July 18: 00:32:** Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Mp. 16. Responded to a semi crash. A tree had fallen and landed on the trailer of a semi. The semi was safely moved off the highway into a parking lot. No injuries were sustained. Involved: white Volvo truck, 49-year-old male.

Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**18:51:** 40000 blk, Dehorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, No transport

**20:29:** 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Smoke Scare. Unable To Locate.

**22:20:** 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**July 14: 2:37:** 38000 blk, Flowerdale Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**9:37:** McK. Hwy. Milepost 24. Mistaken Alarm. Cancelled By Dispatch.

**12:15:** 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Fall Injury. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**13:12:** 51000 blk, Blue River Dr. Fire Alarm. Cancelled By Dispatch.

**20:03:** 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**July 11: 9:01:** 38000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Refusal.

**10:53:** 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**13:56:** 45000 blk, Vida Park Lane Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

**23:25:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.

**July 12: 8:33:** 88000 blk, Little Dehorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

**15:38:** 8500 blk, Thurston Rd. Fall, Non-Injury. Lift Assist Only.

**July 13: 7:57:** 38000 blk, Natures Garden Way. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**18:25:** 91000 blk, Leashore

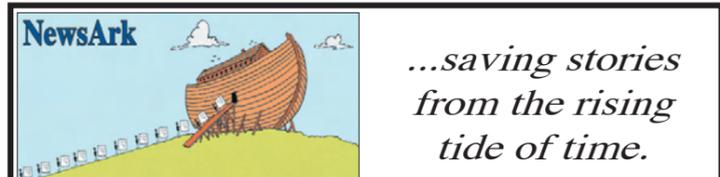
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## Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**July 14: 13:09:** Fire Alarm - 51000 block, Blue River Dr. Commercial fire & smoke alarm.

**July 18: 11:08:** Medical - 48000 blk, McK. Hwy.. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**19:59:** Medical - 55000 blk, McK. River Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.



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<b>HOTTEST</b> 89° & 103° - See the Weather Report P. 2 Serving the McKenzie River Valley - Home of Doug & Shannon Orm of Springfield - Reflections Subscribers Since 1997	Partly Cloudy 25% High: 63 - Low: 48	Partly Cloudy 25% High: 73 - Low: 52

### Middle school students climbing to new heights



Photo Courtesy: Pacific Tree Climbing Institute

McKenzie students will get a unique view of the forest that surrounds them when they climb into an old growth canopy next week.

By David Searsh

ELLIE RYDER, About 20 students from McKenzie Middle School will get a view of an old-growth forest from the top down late this month, after having climbed high into the tree canopy on a trip with special climbing gear - even body wall for an eight-foot climb.

The event is hoped to be a "transformational" outdoor experience for the students, organizers say, and help them appreciate the beauty of the outdoors while also using their own capabilities in climbing some creative writing while they relax in a "tree house" way, say, on the air.

The event will take place May 29-31 at the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest near Blue River.

It's made possible by a collaboration of Oregon State University, the University of Oregon, and the U.S. Forest Service, with funding from a private donation to the OSU Foundation and donations of time from the Pacific Tree Climbing Institute.

### Beating the heat becomes dangerous



The Lane County Sheriff's Office and McKenzie Fire & Rescue made a joint request on Sunday, asking people to voluntarily stay out of the McKenzie River. Reason cited by the agencies included the high heat and large amounts of floating or partially submerged trees, logs, and other debris in the river.

Water rescues were called on Friday and Saturday, the May 19th, four people inhaled two inflatable rafts at Lake River around 6 p.m. Approximately one mile downstream they hit a large wave caused by a submerged log and overturned. All four were thrown into the river.

Involved were Matthew Shmitt, 29, of Eugene, Tommy Hoon Woo, 28, of Canby, Washington, Dennis Gilbertson, 27, of Eugene, and Brent Carlson, 29, from Prescott, Arizona. They were able to swim to the south river bank.

They were located about 30 minutes later by members of McKenzie Fire & Rescue who were on scene assisting the Sheriff's Search and Rescue and Marine Patrol crews. Miller said the subjects were injured and released for minor hypothermia, cuts and sunburns. None of the four were wearing PFD's.

The second incident occurred further downstream on the McKenzie River near Armitage Park around 2:34 p.m. According to Sheriff's Office reports, an adult male, a female and a 10-year-old girl were involved in a water rescue during a hot day at the construction site of the J-S Bridge. The three were in an inflatable raft that became entangled in the construction debris north of the main channel and overturned. Responders on shore rescued the child while the two adults were able to swim to shore prior to the arrival of water rescue responders.

## State Police Report

**July 17: 17:42:** Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 11. Responded to a two-vehicle crash. A gold Honda Accord rear-

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# Newspaper's black-bag job fixed election for mayor

By Finn J.D. John

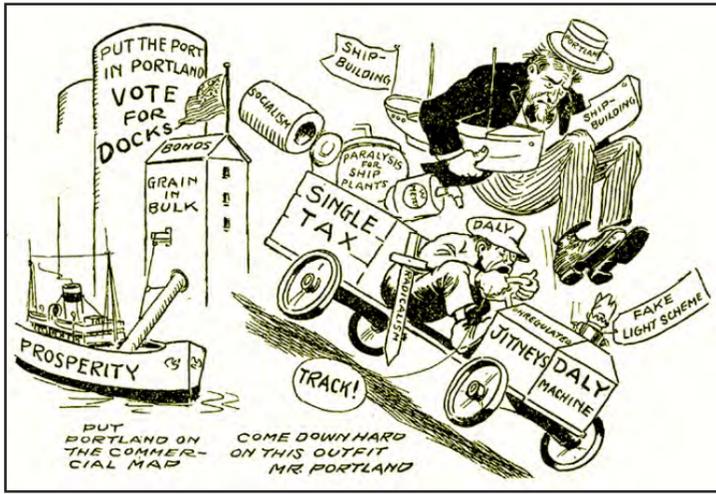
Late on the evening of June 2, 1917, the Portland Morning Oregonian sprang a trap – a cunning and dirty trap.

The always-formidable daily newspaper, owned and edited by Henry Pittock following the death of the legendary Harvey Scott, had thrown its weight behind a big, boisterous City Council member named George Baker in the race for Portland city mayor. But in a fierce race with Union man and small-business owner Will Daly, Baker was clearly on track to lose.

For Pittock, that was simply not acceptable. Daly, a former Oregonian employee who had gone on to become Portland's utility commissioner, had earned Pittock's lifelong hatred several years before, when he'd uncovered a secret contract between the city and Pittock – under the terms of which, in exchange for favorable press in the Oregonian, the city would install (at considerable expense to the taxpayers) a half-mile-long pipeline bringing unlimited quantities of complimentary Bull Run water out to Pittock's West Hills estate, which was outside city limits.

When Daly publically exposed this larcenous little scheme, Pittock's personal reputation was considerably sullied, and Daly instantly became his ex-boss's bête noir. No, Pittock would not sit idly by while his number-one enemy took over the city government. But then, he wouldn't have to. He'd already taken the necessary steps to make sure that didn't happen.

Some time before this, Pittock had sent some of his more morally



A cartoon by the Oregonian's famous Tige Reynolds illustrates the newspaper's attitude toward Will Daly. The "Single Tax" is a reference to a scheme, never endorsed by Daly, to tax real estate owners 100 percent on appreciation of their property while abolishing all other taxes.

flexible staff members on what you might call an undercover investigation. You might also call it, as Watergate plotter E. Howard Hunt surely would, a "black bag job." Simply put, they'd broken into Daly's house and rifled through his papers, looking for something they could use.

They'd hit the jackpot. What they had found was a partially-filled-out application for membership in the Socialist Party, dated 1910.

It isn't clear, even today, whether Daly ever actually joined the Socialist Party. Some sources say he did, briefly, before renouncing it and registering as a Republican; others say he never sent the paperwork in. But such niceties didn't matter to Pittock. What he cared about was not fairness or journalistic integrity, but simply denying Daly the mayorship. And now, two months after U.S. entry

into the First World War, the anti-war Socialist Party was extremely unpopular. A credible claim that Daly was a registered Socialist would be some serious medicine – maybe even an election swinger if he handled it right.

And Pittock intended to handle it right. He sat on the document until the very last minute. Then, on the evening of June 2, he loaded the next day's Oregonian up like a cannon with the fruits of his felony and pulled the trigger. The shot hit the front porches of most homes in Portland the very next morning, the day before Election Day.

"SECURITY OF CITY HANGS ON ELECTION!" it shrieked, in heavy headline type on Page One. "Baker and Growth or Daly and Strife (is the) Issue. QUESTION IS UP TO VOTERS. Daly's Election First Number on Radical Programme. AGITATORS ALL BACK HIM!"

Such was the Oregonian's reputation as a voice of establishment cronyism that even this massive editorial broadside, delivered as it was the day before election (guaranteeing that Daly would have no chance to respond in any meaningful way), didn't move the election results much. But it changed enough minds to hand Baker the election, by a slim 1-percent margin.

And just like that, Daly was finished.

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Will Daly was born in Missouri and was one of those newspaper pressmen with ink in their blood. He started work at the Springfield Leader-Democrat at age 10 and by the time he was 31, he'd worked his way to the top – he was the press foreman there.

When his mother died, Daly and his wife Daisy moved to Oregon, and Will ended up taking a job working on the press at the Morning Oregonian a few months after arriving; a few years later, he moved on to the Portland Linotype Company. He also opened his own small printing business on the side, the Portland Monotype Company.

Meanwhile, Daly was also rising through the ranks at the Oregon State Federation of Labor. By 1908 he was the union president. As an articulate, intelligent fellow who was both a blue-collar worker and a small-business owner, he turned out to be remarkably effective at helping Union workers and small-scale entrepreneurs see eye to eye. That was especially true after he was elected to the City Council in 1911.

This, of course, made him somewhat dangerous to the large-scale former entrepreneurs who formed Portland's power elite, including the fairly scurrilous one for whom Daly had once worked – that is, Pittock. So it was probably inevitable that Daly and his ex-boss would stop seeing eye-to-eye pretty quickly.

Things got bad in 1914 when Daly went to bat for the drivers of "jitneys" – which were like the progenitors of taxicabs. Jitneys were privately owned automobiles that entrepreneurs would buy and then drive around town, looking for fares. This was annoying the executives of the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company, the monopoly outfit that controlled Portland streetcars, which wanted the jitneys outlawed. Pittock, who probably regularly enjoyed brandy and cigars with the PRL&P bigwigs, vigorously agreed and never lost a chance to make the case that letting these small-time

Black-bag job - Page 8



By Slim Randles

The Bahdziewicz clan trooped into the Mule Barn for lunch the other day, happily and noisily as only eight Americans totally in love with summer can do. The patriarch of the clan, Abraham Lincoln Bahdziewicz, led the way to a large round table and seated his wife, Sally, before pointing to which chairs the kids should use. Some people can make a celebration out of sitting down to eat, and Abe's gang knows how to do it.

The children, clockwise, were Woodrow Wilson Bahdziewicz, Betsy Ross Bahdziewicz, Neal Armstrong Bahdziewicz, John Kennedy Bahdziewicz, and Franklin Delano Bahdziewicz. Sally got a high chair for the youngest family member, Laura Bush Bahdziewicz.

We watched them order four meals for the eight of them, along with some empty plates for divvying things up. Then we took bets on whether or not they would have to ask for a "to go" box or two to take home with them. They didn't. Laura Bush Bahdziewicz had to have chocolate cream pie wiped from her face twice during dessert, too.

Before they packed up to go, Abe came over to shake hands with the members of the World Dilemma Think Tank here at the philosophy counter. He always looks as though he's just headed home to open Christmas presents, and we envied him that wonderful zest for life.

"Abe," said Doc, when it was his turn to shake hands, "we've been wondering. You're named after a president, and all your kids are named for famous Americans."

"That's right," Abe said. "My brothers and sister, too. All of us but my wife, Sally, and I call her Sally Ride Bahdziewicz sometimes, just for fun."

"How did all that naming come about?"

"Well," Abe said, "my dad came from Poland as a kid, and the other kids at school teased him about not being a real American, you know? So he decided his kids would never have that problem. They may have some trouble pronouncing the last name, but at least they know we're Americans."

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**Gardening Tips**

By Kym Pokorny



the plants.

As you get ready to plant, add about ¼-inch of compost and some organic fertilizer to the soil. Both break down faster in the heat of summer soil than in cooler months and make nutrients available quicker than usual, Miller said. After planting, use a water-soluble fertilizer like fish emulsion on the transplants to get them well established.

Whether to plant seeds or transplants depends on the crop and, to some extent, how you're going to use it. Plants that do best directly seeded include carrots, parsnips, beets, radish, mustard and arugula. Many crops like kale, chard and lettuce can be sown heavily for "cut and come again" greens. Cut the greens above the crown of the plant when the leaves reach 4-6 inches. You can get two to three cuttings if you give them plenty of water and some fish emulsion after each cutting.

All other crops can and should be transplanted for best success. Look for high-quality plants that aren't root-bound, stunted or off-color.

Once you get the new plants in the ground, don't dawdle on weed control. Weed once a week for four weeks to keep weeds from competing for water and nutrients as plants get established.

Miller recommends allocating half of your garden space for typical summer crops like tomatoes, beans and cucumber and the other half for cool season crops like kale, scallions, carrots, beets and lettuce. "That will give you the most from your garden," he said.

For more information on extended-season vegetable gardening, refer to these Extension publications: Fall and Winter Vegetable Gardening in the Pacific Northwest and Growing Your Own.



*Country Kitchen*

*By Mary Emma Allen*



**PIE CUSTOMS AROUND THE COUNTRY**

As I study recipes, I find various customs involving pies...the types made and the times they're served. For instance, there is Pecan Pie in the South, Key Lime Pie in Florida, Strawberry Pie in season, Mock Apple Pie when you can't acquire apples, Vinegar Pie a pioneer hand down in the Mid West.

**Pie for Breakfast**

However, in New England, I've found pie for breakfast.

"Pie for breakfast!" people have exclaimed when I've mentioned this in other parts of the country. Not that this is a regular occurrence for us, but pie, especially apple, is an old New England tradition.

Farmers in "olden days" worked several hours before breakfast, so they were ready for a hearty meal when they came into the house. Apple is the one I've come upon in my research that's mentioned most frequently as breakfast pie. However, I'm sure other types were prepared.

It's said, when Ralph Waldo Emerson was questioned about the New England habit of pie for breakfast, he responded, "What is pie for?"

**Various Types of Pies**

Pie, according to definition, is a baked food composed of a pastry shell filled with fruit and usually topped with a pastry crust. You also can have a filling of meat, cheese, eggs or other ingredients.

Main dish pies consist of meat and vegetables, with quiche a variation on this. The English have long favored meat pies and refer to dessert fruit pies as tarts. The pie baking custom, both main

dish and dessert type, was brought to this country by the colonists.

**What's Your Favorite Pie?**

Even though apple pie is a traditional one for New England, whether eaten for breakfast or other times of the day, there are so many other varieties. My husband enjoys chocolate pie (deep, dark chocolate) along with apple. Strawberry rhubarb in season is another one favored, as well as his mom's recipe for strawberry pie.

Refreshments, after I taught a class in "Writing Your Family Stories" at a friend's home recently, consisted of lemon meringue pie. This was just as I liked it, with a tangy lemon filling, not a bland oversweet one.

Jim's Favorite Chocolate Pie... Chocolate lovers would enjoy this for breakfast!

Mix together 1/2-cup sugar, 2 3/4 tablespoons cornstarch, 1/4-cup cocoa (dark chocolate powder for cocoa), 1/8-teaspoon salt. Add a little from the 2 cups milk and stir mixture until smooth. Then add remaining milk gradually.

Cook in a double boiler or microwave until thick and smooth, stirring frequently while cooking. When thick, beat with an eggbeater or wire whip for two minutes; then stir in 1/2-teaspoon vanilla. Pour into an 8-inch baked crust. Serve with whipped cream.

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*(Mary Emma researches and writes from her NH home.)*

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**Plant fall crops while enjoying summer's bounty**



As we settle in at the groaning table of summer's harvest, savvy gardeners pause long enough to consider the coming season.

"Most folks are familiar with and love summer vegetables, but if you want to maximize your food and nutrition, then growing fall crops is a great strategy," said Weston Miller, a horticulturist with Oregon State University Extension Service.

The window of opportunity for planting those crops is short – as daylight decreases, it becomes harder and harder to hit it right. So begin now to tuck seeds or transplants into the soil.

"Yes, it is hot and it might seem counterintuitive to plant now, but if you want to harvest in fall, it's got to be now," Miller said. "You just have to take steps to mitigate the heat."

Plant in morning or evening and make sure to monitor the soil closely so it doesn't dry out. Water daily, twice if it's especially hot. Concentrate your efforts on the top couple of inches of soil where seeds are germinating and the small root systems of new plants are getting off to a start.

If the weather turns scorching hot, you may have to resort to shade cloth or Reemay, a very lightweight fabric that allows light and water through but helps keep plants from burning. Some crops don't mind having the cloth placed right on top; more tender crops like lettuces and other greens might appreciate having it propped up on the same type of wire or plastic hoops used to make cloches or cold frames. Or get creative and design your own way of holding up the cloth a few inches above

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# Community Notes

July 21

## Leaburg Food Pantry

Leaburg Food Pantry. Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 3 - 6 p.m. Behind the McKenzie Bible Fellowship Church, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

July 22

## McK River Food Pantry

Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. Tues: 11 am - 1 pm, every 2nd & 4th Friday @ McKenzie High School (New Gym)

July 23

## Dime At A Time

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

July 25

## Springfield School Board

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

July 30

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## Lake Listening Session

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August 10

## Blue River Park Board

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August 15

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center from noon to 1 p.m.

August 17

## Upper McK Fire Board

The will meet at 7p.m. 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge

# Wildfire risks

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project.

Throughout the summer the Lane Electric Cooperative has been hosting events around Lane County to discuss wildfire preparedness and share steps it will take to mitigate risks like preparing, protecting and planning. An upriver town hall meeting to review its plans for wildfire preparedness has been set for Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Upper McKenzie Community Center in Rainbow.

Debi Wilson, Lane Electric's general manager, and Tony Toncray, manager of operations,

will be on hand to provide details on the Coop's fire mitigation plan and take questions from members.

Both utilities have developed improved plans for steps to take when Red Flag warnings are issued, particularly in high-risk zones like the McKenzie River Valley.

"We don't expect wildfires to get any less risky in the next five to ten years with extreme weather patterns," notes Parisi. "But we will be smart, strategic, and continue to improve our efforts to bring down risks."

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Injury/Non-Blocking.

**23:14:** 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**July 15: 21:13:** 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**July 16: 2:58:** 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Mistaken Alarm/Disregarded.

**15:04:** 36358 Camp Creek Rd. MVA. Disregarded.

**17:11:** 90700 Fish Hatchery Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**July 17: 17:39:** McK. Hwy./Cedar Flat Rd. MVA. Non-Blocking.

**18:29:** McK. Hwy./Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Refusal.



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We also need a few community leaders to help create a long-term Firewise community.

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## Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell

### Judged By Appearance

My daughter is a high school senior, 18 years old. She is very cute, extremely athletic, and will graduate with high honors. Cami has been very easy to direct and raise. Her girlfriends are also bright and popular, but Cami is less secure with boys.

Some friends introduced her to a group of boys from another school. One of the boys, Anthony, is a goalie at his school; Cami is also a goalie for her school. She seems to like him. Anthony came by to carry her to the movies tonight. Shock! He is short, heavy set, with a beard and long hair.

Some of her friends probably encouraged this, but Anthony is not the type they would ever date. Yes, he is probably very nice, at least to her. He is not the type her father and I want her to date.

How do we discourage this relationship without making her feel less secure? What can we do to make her more secure? How can we foster or promote confidence with boys?

Virginia

Virginia, you are asking the wrong question. You are not asking how to give your daughter

self-confidence. You are asking how to control who she dates.

Based on physical appearance alone, Anthony is unacceptable to you and your husband. If you value externals so much, why can't you say it? You are trying to pass down a bias without having to admit to it. You know if you tell your daughter the unvarnished truth, she will reject it as unfair and unacceptable.

Taking this direction with Cami undermines her ability to make choices for herself. You are forcing her to choose between her parents' love and approval, and what she feels is right for herself as an individual. It is the interior of a man which will make your daughter happy or unhappy. It is not for you to pick your daughter's husband by who you would pick for yourself.

You are teaching her to judge people based on what is outside, not what is inside. This attitude can have effects you don't anticipate. Will it make her two-faced? Will she judge herself harshly as her own looks begin to fade? Or will she learn to tell you and your husband what you want to hear, and act as she chooses behind your back?

Wayne & Tamara

to such different personalities?

Ava

### Her Next Husband

I am a woman who has married not once, not twice, but four times. I filed for all four divorces. The first time I was young and pregnant and it lasted a year.

Number two lasted 18 years. I thought I needed more attention from a hardworking, family-oriented man who was often out of town, leaving me sleeping single in a married bed. After 17 years of marriage I had my first affair, which I continued in a hardhearted way until I left him.

Third time around was to my affair, a salesman who visibly adored all women but professed to love only me. It was a roller coaster life of marital insecurity. I left him seven times in 10 years, but each time he coaxed me back by making me feel I couldn't live without him.

Marriage number four lasted six months. I won't even go there about this marriage except to say it was based on total stupidity on my part. I've now been single for two years, a record for me!

Recently I have found myself drawn to a man who has entered my heart like no other. He is a very God-loving individual, yet I sense a despair in myself that is hard to explain. Four failed marriages don't warrant my credibility. How do I know what is real and lasting? How do you explain my attraction

Ava, there's a difference between accepting any open job and accepting the job that's right for you. For years you have been attracted to whoever is attracted to you. If any of these men was the "right job," you wouldn't have quit.

Some people say, "Love is blind." It isn't true. Want is blind. Want is also deaf and dumb. When you close your eyes to the reality before you, when you fail to face the truth, you act from want, and the want to get married won't keep you married.

Take a quiet moment to acknowledge what you really feel. Act from that quiet place, that place of knowing and total self-honesty. From that place you will know if what you feel is a fantasy. From that place you will know if you are ignoring the litany of things wrong about the other person.

Love is always an addition, an enhancement, an improvement to your life. When negative emotions crop up, it's a sign of something else. It's a sign you are about to act because you need the job, not because it's the job you love.

Wayne & Tamara

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

## American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

William Fargason's "Elegy with Steam" never refers to his father's death, but to the manner in which death represents a movement through veils of existence. Fargason's memory of fatherly care becomes a portal that allows him to hear his father's voice "on the other side," through the veil of a warm washcloth.

### Elegy with Steam

By William Fargason

When I was sick with a head cold, my head full of pressure, my father would soak a washcloth in hot water, then ball it up, ring it out. He would open it above my head, then place it against my face like a second skin, the light around me disappearing entirely except through the spaces between the stitching. I would inhale the steam in that darkness, hearing his voice on the other side, otherwise almost devoid of any other bodily sense but the warmth and depth of his voice, as if I had already died and was on the other side of life waiting for the sickness to lift, but I wasn't.

I was still on this earth, the washcloth going cold on my face, my body still sick, and my father still there when I opened my eyes, as he always was, there to give me warmth before going cold again.

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By Rick Steber  
([www.ricksteber.com](http://www.ricksteber.com))

July 21 - Sam Barlow was the captain of a wagon train that crossed the Plains in 1845. Upon reaching The Dalles he refused to attempt the dangerous trip down the Columbia River on a raft, and set out with a small group of pioneers to find an alternate route over the Cascades. The party traveled south to Tygh Valley and located a pass on the south flank of Mt. Hood. The pioneers were trapped by an early snow, and were forced to cache their wagons and continue on horseback and afoot. The following year Barlow established a toll road over the route and in the ensuing years the majority of the Oregon Trail pioneers used this road to reach the Willamette Valley.

## 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



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# Threat to Oregon

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killing hundreds of millions of urban and wild ash trees.”

Within a decade of EAB’s arrival in an area, most ash trees die or are dying. Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*) is a deciduous hardwood tree found most commonly in wetlands and along streams.

“It’s an ecologically vital tree as it shades water, keeping it cooler for fish. The roots stabilize streambanks, reducing erosion. And lots of animals, birds and insects eat the seeds and leaves. Losing it will likely have a huge impact on those ecosystems,” Williams explained.

“ODF has used the advance notice that EAB was heading west to gather up seed from throughout Oregon ash’s range in the state,” said Williams. “The first goal is to try and preserve as much of the tree’s genetic diversity as we can before it’s lost. The U.S. Forest

Service’s Dorena Genetics Resource Center in Cottage Grove stores the ash seeds and is sharing them with researchers. The researchers will test for any resistance to EAB. If any is found, we might then be able to breed resistance into local strains and replant streambanks.”

“The state has been warning communities for years to prepare for this pest and have plans in place for dealing with the loss of ash trees,” notes ODF’s Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program Manager Scott Altenhoff. He recommends three things to do this summer, if possible.

“First, if it hasn’t been done already, inventory trees to see how vulnerable the local urban forest is to losses from emerald ash borer. We have a common software called TreePlotter that’s free for communities to use. As data

come in from around the state, it will give us a common picture of where all the vulnerable urban trees are,” said Altenhoff.

“Second, now is a good time to remove ash trees from approved street tree lists as has been done in Portland. Olive trees, which are in the same family as ash, can also be vulnerable,” he said.

“Finally, consider how wood from ash trees that die from emerald ash borer might be used locally,” Altenhoff said. “There may be opportunities to help local woodworkers and artists and keep the wood from going to waste. But it is crucial that people not move ash or any other wood beyond their local area. That avoids people accidentally spreading wood-boring pests faster than they would otherwise.”

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# Black-bag job

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businessmen continue providing service threatened to destroy the city’s massive electricity-and-transportation monopoly. Daly just as vigorously disagreed.

Then came that incident with Pittcock’s attempted theft of city water.

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After losing the election, Daly retired from public life and focused on his printing business. In 1920 he accepted an appointment as Oregon’s federal food price commissioner, but when he learned how much red tape and scrutiny of his business was involved, he resigned. And when Mayor Baker stood for reelection that same year, Daly actually endorsed his onetime



Oregon Historical Society Show-business man and three-term Portland Mayor George Baker as he appeared during his campaign against Will Daly, in 1917.



Portland Morning Oregonian Will Daly as he appeared around the time of his campaign for mayor of Portland, in 1917.

rival.  
He died, mostly forgotten, in 1924, just 54 years old.

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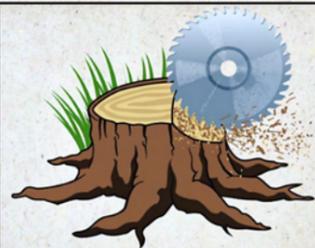


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