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Home Country

“They said if I wanted to see him alive again, the bills would have to be unmarked.”

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Life in a Logging Camp

One box car had seats along the side, and on Saturday night anybody that wanted to go out, the train took the box car to Wendling.

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Connecting through song

Folk musicians add to local fire’s legacy



Mike and Carleen McCornack

Carleen McCornack are Oregon/Willamette Valley natives with a 50-plus-year history as folk musicians.

As the couple recalls some shared experiences over the past few years, their thoughts have often meshed.

“It started off as just another new recording project, with only the usual expectations, back in early 2020,” they recall. “We had our list of possible tunes on our whiteboard, our notebooks out, and music stands set up in the dining room for rehearsal and in the music room for recording. We had four tunes well underway when we went on a lovely trip to Mexico with a couple of dear friends, counting on the little vacation to give us some more momentum when we returned. The Mexico trip was everything we had hoped for and more.”

That time period marked the end of February 2020 - but it was also the start of a world going upside down.

“By the time we arrived at SeaTac, there were reports of deaths in the Seattle area.

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“Chimneys were all that was left of our Blue River home

Sounding the sirens and calling out names

Leave everything that you own and your Blue River

home...”

Those words can stand alone - but put to music in a new recording - they can convey much more to listeners. Singers and songwriters Mike and

Climber killed on North Sister

21-year-old man from Bend fell into a steep ravine

NORTH SISTER: Hope turned to sorrow following a 12:18 p.m. report on July 17th that a woman’s boyfriend had fallen approximately 300 to 500 feet down a Cascade peak and was severely injured. According to Lane County Sheriff’s Office, Fiona Curley was unable to see where Joel Tranby had fallen and couldn’t reach him due to the extremely steep and rocky terrain of that section of the North Sister.

A Lane County Sheriff’s Office SAR Coordinator and a Mountain Rescue volunteer arrived in the area via a LifeFlight Network helicopter and immediately began searching. At that time, Tranby was believed to have fallen into a very steep ravine made up of extremely large and unstable boulders. Curley had told authorities she could communicate with her boyfriend but unfortunately, he had stopped responding verbally before searchers arrived.

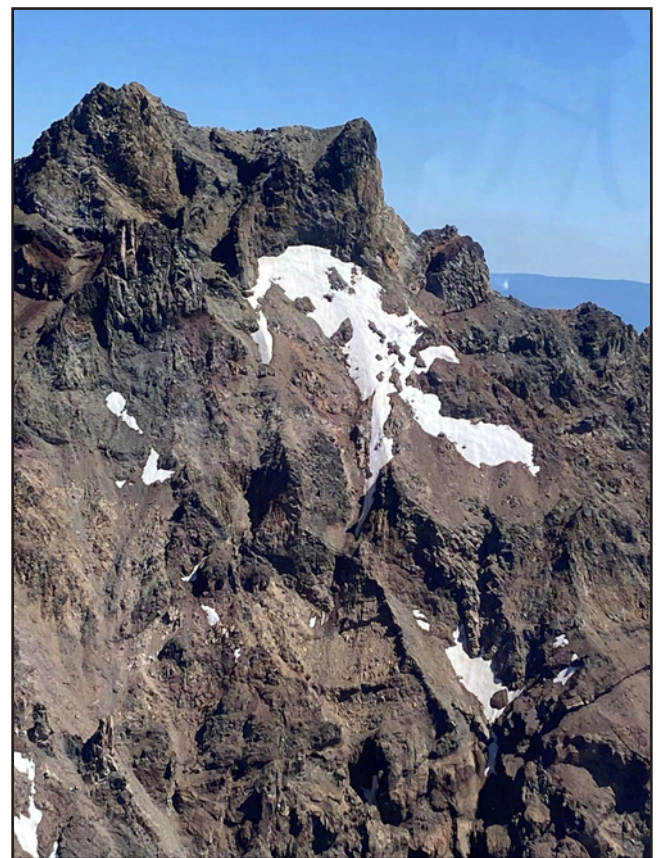
The search team as well as an Oregon National Guard Blackhawk crew were unable to locate him. Police said the area where he fell is extremely dangerous and

inaccessible to searchers on foot. Additional teams from Lane County Search and Rescue, the Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office Mountain Rescue, and an AirLink Helicopter also assisted in the search.

Crews resumed the search the next day with the Civil

Air Patrol utilizing a high-resolution camera, and a ground team comprised of volunteers with Corvallis Mountain Rescue and Eugene Mountain Rescue. They utilized a small drone to further search the area.

Utilizing intel gathered **Climber killed - Page 11**



Considered the oldest and the least climbed of the Three Sisters, the North peak is also rated the most challenging to ascend.

Recreation fees could rise

Changes proposed for campgrounds to lookouts

“These fee increases will help us maintain the sites to the level and quality people have come to expect. Many of the proposed fee increases will be phased in over time, rather than all at once. We are also excited to bring on two new cabins into the popular program,” said Dave Warnack, Forest Su-

pervisor for the Willamette National Forest.

The proposed fees by site are listed in the tables below.

In 2004, Congress passed the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) which allows the Forest Service to retain 80% of the revenue from

these proposed recreation fees to operate, maintain and improve facilities. Raising the revenue collected through recreation fees would help keep up with rising maintenance, utility and staffing costs. The fees help provide and ensure quality recreation opportunities and creates a more financially sustainable developed recreation program.

All fee changes are reviewed by a citizen’s advisory committee, which will make recommendations to the Pacific Northwest Regional Forester about whether to approve the proposed changes. Committee members represent a broad array of

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\$6.6 million project underway



Workers erected scaffolding while painting the spillway gate 1 at Cougar Dam.

COUGAR DAM: Crews from advanced American Construction of Portland have been busy while traffic has been blocked from crossing over the top of Cougar Dam. Details of the \$6,650,000 in upgrades include the placement of a 480v electrical line across the Cougar Dam crest, concrete work, and repainting.

The work closure of Road NF-1993 will extend through this fall. It will re-open on September 29th.

Visitors may need to plan alternate routes to access these trailheads: Lower Echo/East Fork, Upper East Fork, Upper Lower Mountain, and Pat Saddle.

People can go to nyurl.com/7dd46e4y for more details on recreation opportunities within the region.

Ridin' the Rapids
By Ken Engelman

"The longest-running newspaper in southern California has ceased publication after filing for bankruptcy." That email is part of a depressing trend as the United States continues to see newspapers die at the rate of two per week, according to another report on the state of local news.

News "deserts" are growing. It's estimated that some 70 million Americans live in a county with either no local news organization or only one.

Locally, though, I hope you've been enjoying the work of McKenzie River Reflections. Thanks to our wonderful businesses and community of readers who offer financial support, this newspaper will continue to focus on reporting the issues that impact the McKenzie River area.

In responses to a recent Survey Monkey questionnaire people used one word more than any other to describe what they liked best about this newspaper. It was "Local" in many different variations like: "Local news, and happenings and information, Local coverage we can't get anywhere else, Local

content, Local pertinent news, Local with focus on the River entirely, and Real local news" - plus many more responses using that same word.

Asked for suggestions, plenty of readers said they still wished they could have continued to receive a printed version in the mail, but an overwhelming 94% said they would recommend the digital e.Edition of McKenzie River Reflections to other people.

One subscriber they were concerned if "there are enough resources to maintain and grow the paper after COVID, and the fire, and now the protracted recovery." But another took a look under the hood to observe that "Over the past year or so it is obvious that you are working hard to improve the Riv-Ref and it shows. You have a tough job and your efforts are appreciated especially with the Reg-Guard going down the tube."

For those that haven't yet, I hope you'll join that special core of readers by subscribing today.

You'll get full access to all reporting - and with the e.Edition, an issue full of visual journalism and long-form writing assembled to cover news that you're not likely to find anywhere else.

And to the subscriber who suggested it, I'm working on giving your idea a try: "Clone Ken."



We lost that sense of ourselves, thanks to the vile Florida buffoon, his cynical enablers, and his absolutely stupid followers. We hope we can get it back. Canada still has it, thank goodness.

Oh, Canada's not perfect, of course. I'm not trying to say that. For one thing, the print on their street signs is tiny and really hard to read until you're damn near in the intersection. Which is an outrage.

Then again, maybe Canadians just have better vision than us, so to speak. I can barely see the puck zizzing around when I watch a hockey game, which is the only thing they show on TV. Which isn't true. They also show the Toronto Blue Jays, the baseball club.

But they do other screwy things, too. For one thing, they don't refer to their streets as Sixth Street or 25th Avenue. No, they call them Six Street and 25 Avenue. No "th" on the end, which makes no sense and will probably lead to an international incident if they don't knock it off.

Get out on the highway and the Canadians mess with you again. You're revving along in the rental car thinking, whoa, this is nice, cruising at 100 and haven't even topped the 110 maximum speed. Then you remember you're only going 62, on account of the metrics they use up there in the Great White North.

Which is another thing — it's not so white anymore. I saw more Sikh turbans and Muslim headscarves in a week than I see in a year in Portland. The Indian, Southeast Asian, and African diasporas are clearly present. The province is filled with apparent immigrants

— the parents speaking their native languages and the kids easily jumping back and forth between that and English. Sound familiar?

But the people are effin nice up there, that part really is true. Well, except you're more likely to get tailgated on the highways in Alberta than in Oregon, I think. Some of the Canadians come up closer behind you, faster than I was accustomed to. But it didn't seem they were driving with the rage or intent to dominate that you see from drivers here. Canadians intend to pass when you move over to the right. Which you will.

It's more of a European style of highway driving. Make your passes in the outer left fast lane and then get out of the way of the even faster driver who's behind you. I didn't feel ill at ease driving. Calgary was pretty easy to navigate, too, and it has more than a million people.

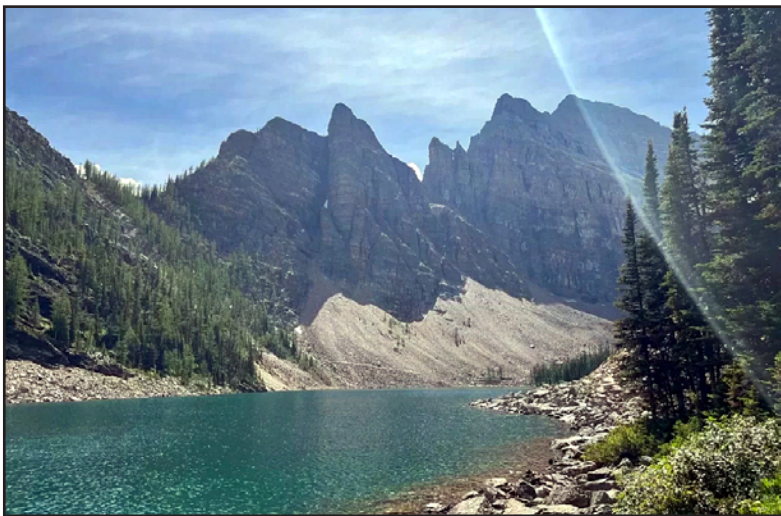
It was a really nice trip. My

wife planned it and posted about it on Facebook, with some stunning photos. Those of you who follow her there and subscribe here most likely saw them. It's a beautiful place, the Canadian Rockies, and we just saw a slice of it. The congenial, cultured cities and towns of Calgary, Canmore, and Banff, are contained by jagged peak after jagged peak and pocketed by the series of dramatic mountain lakes colored blue-green by glacier water breaking down rock. Louise and Agnes, Emerald, Bow, Peyto, and Moraine, all of them. And we didn't even get up to Jasper or swing in to Edmonton.

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Guest Opinion

Oh, Canada...damn You're just like us, without the routine mass murder and the widespread ignorance



Lake Agnes, Canada

By Eric Mortenson

And look, you've got a Lake Agnes. In Alberta there, eh? Agnes was my mom's name, so of course we had to go see. She's a beauty, set apart and overlooked, maybe. And an uphill 3.5-kilometer hike to reach, a little over 2 miles. But with a sweet tea house at the end of the trail, welcoming you when you get there.

We were in Alberta for about 10 days, including for Canada Day on July 1, and it was one of those trips that make you sigh if you know what I mean. We stayed in Calgary and Canmore and went up into sections of Banff and Yoho national parks. We've been to Vancouver, Victoria, and other parts of British Columbia before, but it was our first time in Alberta

and the Canadian Rockies.

But I have to say, it kind of hurt my heart to be up there. Because that part of Canada, at least, feels like how we used to think of ourselves in America: Youthful, energetic, smart, tolerant, and welcoming. We were good-natured, but tough if we had to be.

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WEATHER REPORT

READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM

READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE

Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
7/18	90	53	0	372 cfs	7/18	85	50	0	2,140 cfs
7/19	93	56	0	372 cfs	7/19	90	52	0	2,110 cfs
7/20	87	58	372 cfs		7/20	90	52	0	2,100 cfs
7/21	90	57	0	372 cfs	7/21	85	52	0	2,100 cfs
7/22	91	57	0	372 cfs	7/22	90	52	0	2,100 cfs
7/23	87	57	0	377 cfs	7/23	94	53	0	2,080 cfs
7/24	77	56	0	377 cfs	7/24	90	53	0	2,020 cfs

Friday 7/28		Saturday 7/29		Sunday 7/30	
McKenzie Valley Sunny 5% chance precip High: 85 Low: 51	Santiam Pass Sunny 0% chance precip High: 73 Low: 44	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 5% chance precip High: 83 Low: 50	Santiam Pass Sunny 0% chance precip High: 71 Low: 42	McKenzie Valley Sunny 5% chance precip High: 84 Low: 51	Santiam Pass Sunny 5% chance precip High: 71 Low: 42

Sheriff's Report

July 12: 6:14 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 37300 block, Parsons Creek Rd. A verbal argument was overheard. Deputies responded and conducted a welfare check on the involved.

7:29 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 91300 blk, Marcola Rd. Landlord/tenant dispute. Parties separated, no injuries reported.

10:47 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 91100 blk, Hill Rd. A male in a white PT Cruiser was observed lurking around a area church.

July 13: 11:41 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 90900 blk, angels flight Rd. A caller reported being involved in a verbal dispute with a neighbor regarding a dog.

3:06 p.m: Theft - Terwilliger Hot Springs. An unknown suspect stole property including a bag, car

keys, phone and identification.

July 14: 4:05 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Verbal dispute between a male and female. No crime articulated.

July 16: 6:14 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy. Verbal dispute at Hendrick's Wayside Park over the use of fireworks.

10:52 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38400 blk, Camp Creek Rd. A caller advised that his wife was experiencing mental health issues and scratched the caller.

July 17: 9:17 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 92200 blk, Carson St. A black Chevy Corvette was ditched behind a building.

11:28 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - Shotgun Creek Rd. & Crooked Creek Rd. A caller reported hearing a female yell, 'Help.' The caller later heard gunshots. Deputies patrolled the area both on foot and by vehicle.

2:11 p.m: Theft From Vehicle - 90300 blk, Shadows Dr.

2:23 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - McGowan quarry.

5:04 p.m: Lost Property - 92600 blk, Marcola Rd.

5:40 p.m: Tree Down - 41500 blk, Madrone St.

6:19 p.m: Arrest - 89300 blk, Old Mohawk Rd. Lane County parole and probation made a Detainer arrest.

8:06 p.m: Reckless Endangering - Lat: 44.21548. Long: -122.24969. A caller advised that someone possibly fired a gun in the vicinity of their friend. No injuries. Involved vehicle was reported as an early 2000's-2010's Dodge truck, green and gray in color.

8:46 p.m: Assist, Information - 92200 blk, Carson St.

July 18: 2:42 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 7900 blk, Thurston Rd.

5:28 p.m: Assist, Information - 56400 blk, North Bank Rd.

July 19: 12:32 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - Lat: 44.230345. Long: -121.91772. A caller advised seeing a male and female disputing near Tenas Lake.

1:42 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 36600 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

7:10 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

8:23 p.m: Suspicious
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Conditions - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

July 20: 9:20 a.m: Hit & Run - Lat: 44.17659407. Long: -122.174212.

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State Police Report

July 19: 09:01: Towed Vehicle, Abandoned/Hazard - Hwy. 126 E, Milepost 47. Located a vehicle that was pulled off on the eastbound side of the highway. The vehicle was only a few inches from the fog line creating a hazard. ODOT maintenance crew had placed cones behind the vehicle in an attempt to increase visibility due to it being so close to the fog line. Trooper requested dispatch to send a tow for the vehicle due to it being a hazard and appeared to be abandoned. Tow responded and retrieved the vehicle. Involved: silver/aluminum BMW X5.

July 20: 16:31: Crash, Injury - Hwy. 126E, Mp. 34. A light green Subaru Forester was attempting to make a right hand turn into a driveway when they were struck from behind by a silver F-150. The crash pushed both vehicles into the property of a nearby residence. The driver of the F-150 was transported with suspected minor injuries. The other occupants of the crash were uninjured and did not need medical attention. Tow responded to remove the vehicles from the scene. Involved: 40-year-old female from Blue River and
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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

July 17: 2027: 42100 block, Deerhorn Rd. Illegal Burn. Unable To Locate.

July 18: 15:28: E 30th Ave/ Eldon Schafer Dr. Mutual Aid. Provide Personnel/Mop Up.

July 19: 8:13: 38000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Fire, Structural. Extinguished Fire, Overhaul.

11:214: 8000 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

11:58: MJ Chase Rd./Charley Ln. Unregulated Equipment. UTL.

12:15: 38000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Fire Watch Check. No Smoke/Hot Spots Found.

19:54: 1100 blk, 66th St Medical, General. Disregarded Prior To Arrival.

20:31: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd.. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal by Medic.

20:53: 44000 blk, McK.
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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

July 18: 21:42: Medical - 91000 block, Blue River Reservoir Rd. Female patient.

July 21: 10:20: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

16:24: Medical - 91000 blk, Taylor Rd. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

July 23: 11:03: Medical - 55636 McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

17:54: Medical - Aufderheide Dr./Cougar Dam Rd. Male, Not Conscious, Unknown Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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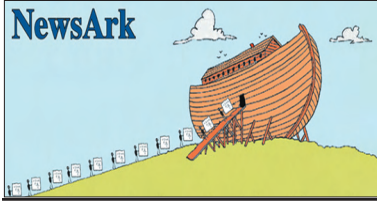
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LIFE IN A BOOTH- KELLY LOGGING CAMP



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Family gatherings brought a welcome break from the hard work.

From an interview with Thelma Coe
Echoes From the Past Edition
August 18, 2001

When we first went to a camp above Wendling we lived in a tent house. My dad built a floor and sideboards about four feet high and then put this big tent on top of it. We lived in that for the first year. Dad worked for the section gang. They built the railroads, and then when the camp was moved they tore them up. We moved to Camp 29, which was on the east side of Mt. Nebo. They were almost through with that logging site, so then we moved clear around to the northwest side of the mountain. We sort of went back down the hill as the railroad was torn up.

I lived in different logging camps until I was about 12. I went to school in a box car. It was a one-room, eight-grade school, and whenever they moved camp, why they just hooked on to it and moved it. My teacher from the second grade until I came to town was a Mrs. Allen. Floy, her name was. The school had a cloakroom at one end, desks and windows all along one side, and a big furnace in the back, a wood circulator. In the winter when it was really cold sometimes she let us sit right around the stove, and I ruined a good pair of shoes one time. Went out and played in the snow, come back in, and my feet were cold. There was an inner firebox, and then an outer shell, and I put my feet against that and cooked the soles of my shoes.

When I was about five, we moved to Camp 34 and Dad started firing one of the steam donkeys. We lived in a house then. It was right by an old landing where they had loaded the logs on the flat cars and the bark would peel off. It was quite deep there - maybe a couple of feet. And that caught on fire, and for two days and nights, all night long, we could have read a newspaper by this light, except that it was red. They kept a tank of water right by our house, shooting water on our house. The camp water tank was about a block and a half away, and when the railroad tank would run dry, they'd race up to the big tank and fill it up, and the house would be so hot by the time they'd get back that when the water hit it, it just sizzled. I was too little to be afraid, you know. It was just interesting.

We only lived in that house maybe a year and a half, 'cause when they moved it to the next camp, they broke one of the skids when they unloaded it. That was a one-room company house with just a curtain across to separate the bedroom.

A man was killed in the logging woods, and my folks bought the house from his widow. It was a two-room house. The kitchen was separate. Then the living room bedroom was all one. And we had a porch clear across the back, and my dad boxed in one end of that with a curtain, and that was my bedroom year 'round. No heat. I undressed in the house by the big wood stove and tore out there and jumped into bed. We used to heat

a rock and I'd wrap it in newspaper and use it to help warm the bed.

They piped water into the camp. Everybody had a faucet in the yard - the schoolhouse too. They made a little siding for the schoolhouse. The cookhouse and the bunkhouse were close to the main line. The houses would be scattered up and down along the main line.

When I was seven we moved to Camp 37, right at the head of Camp Creek. Then we lived at Camp 40. That's sort of at the head of Camp Creek too. They were burning slash and it got away from 'em. They evacuated the whole camp, 'cause they weren't sure they could get it stopped. They loaded the women and children into the box car and took 'em out. It was really kind of funny what different ones would take with them. The only thing Mother could think of was that if our house caught on fire, the rifle shells might go off and damage somebody. She took Dad's rifle and the shells and went out into the backyard and buried them in a trench. She was bakin' bread, and when my dad came to the house she said, "If you get a chance, come look at my bread?" The lady across the street insisted that they save her washing machine - that they load it. The fire went out in our stove at the right time, so the bread was baked "to perfection."

That camp was right up the hill north of Deerhorn. One woman had her clothes all dampened in one of those big old laundry baskets to iron. She put that on her hip and started down over the hill. She didn't go very far 'til she set it on a stump and went on.

They stopped the fire within a hundred feet of the houses. The lady next door to us wanted to save her silverware. She buried it, and when they dug a fire trail they went right through where she had buried it. I don't know

if she ever found it all or not. But I can remember every night for weeks her and her husband were out there siftin' soil, trying to find that silverware.

One box car had seats along the side, and on Saturday night anybody that wanted to go out, the train took the box car to Wendling. Anybody that owned a car had it parked in Wendling. You'd go from Wendling to town for groceries. We never went more than every two weeks, and usually, my folks only went once a month. Mom would buy sugar by the fifty or hundred pounds, and flour the same way. She'd buy milk by the case, and she used to buy eggs for several different women, from a farm right across from where the Springfield Golf Course is now, twelve dozen at a time.

I used to tell people I had ridden in the box car, on the flat cars, in the engine, on the front we called the cowcatcher, in the caboose, but I was eighteen before I ever rode a passenger train, and they'd look at me as if they wondered what kind of a tramp I was.

They usually brought two train loads of logs out a day from the camps down to Wendling. Any of the women that needed to go to town could always ride down in the caboose. One time when we were coming down, one of the wheels on one of the loads locked. That train just came to a dead stop. Everybody in the caboose was thrown to the floor. The main brakie (brakeman) went down forward to see what had happened. The second brakie had been riding on the logs, and it threw and injured him. They put him on a stretcher up in the engine. My mother, another lady and I had to ride on the cowcatcher on down to Wendling.

There were probably a couple of dozen houses in a typical camp. Then there'd be a lot of single men at the bunkhouse. The loggers had lunches packed for them.

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By Slim Randles

Doc isn't even sure why he did it. For days afterwards, people would talk about it, then smile and shake their heads and just say "Oh, that Doc..."

The whole thing came up on the spur of the moment. Doc and Mrs. Doc were planning to go out of town for a few days and needed several hundred dollars in cash, so Doc dropped by the bank to take it out.

He drew Ardis Richardson as his teller, after he wound his way through the bank's roped rat maze, and told her how much he needed.

Then, on an impulse, he leaned forward and whispered, "Ardis, I need that in small, unmarked bills, please."

"Unmarked, Doc?"

"My squirrel's life depends on it."

Ardis's mouth dropped open. That should have stopped Doc, but it didn't.

"They said if I wanted to see him alive again, the bills would have to be unmarked."

She stared.

"Have you ever seen how cute he is when he sits up and eats a nut and his whiskers twitch? I mean, right now I can picture his big fluffy tail and those eyes ... those eyes.... Oh my..."

"Doc ... I didn't know," she said.

He nodded sadly. "I can hardly bear looking at his little squirrel bed, sitting there empty, and his squirrel food dish, with only half his meal gone. I really have no choice."

Ardis gave him the money. The sheriff came by Doc's office to make sure everything was all right. Mrs. Miller across the street from Steve's house sent a five-dollar donation to Doc to help rescue the squirrel. Pop Walker down at the Rest of Your Life home volunteered to get his gun and polish off every squirrel-napper in the county.

Doc, you see, doesn't have a squirrel.

Mrs. Doc thought this weekend away from home came not a moment too soon.

Sponsored by "A Cowboy's Guide to Growing Up Right" by Slim Randles. <https://www.amazon.com/s?k=A+Cowboys+Guide+to+Growing+Up+Right>

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

OSU Extension Service

Fight fires with appropriate landscaping



Drawing a line around the house with fire-resistant landscapes can mean the difference between a home consumed by flames and one left standing.

"Fire specialists often show pictures of houses where people took adequate precautions," said Brad Withrow-Robinson, a forester with Oregon State University's Extension Service. "I've seen lots of photos of land charred all around and a house left standing in the middle because the owners created a fire-resistant space next to it. Not always, but often."

It's fire season again, and people who live in rural areas or on rural-urban boundaries throughout the state need to exercise caution.

"People tend to think of wildfire as an issue only in central or eastern Oregon," Withrow-Robinson said. "But the vigorous, dense growth typical of western Oregon, along with our hot, dry summers, means we have a significant fire danger most years here, too."

People should create and maintain "defensible space" around their homes. Among other things, these areas should be free from brush, debris, and firewood, have irrigated zones near the house, and feature fire-resistant plants.

To help people establish such spaces OSU Extension developed a guide to Fire-resistant Landscapes Plants for the Willamette Valley, which can be downloaded free as an app for iOS and Android phones. The 190-page publication

also comes as a mobile-friendly or printable PDF.

Co-author Brooke Edmunds, a horticulturist with OSU's Extension Service, said the guide features 170 plants that thrive in the Willamette Valley. Plants are organized into ground covers, perennials, vines, shrubs, and trees. Icons indicate what level of water and sun a plant needs, as well as other details such as deer resistance, and if it attracts bees, butterflies, or birds. Height, width, and hardiness information and other descriptions are also included.

"No plant is fire-proof," Edmunds said, "but some are considered fire-resistant."

In general, these are plants with more supple leaves without a waxy or resinous surface. Such plants don't readily ignite. They may be damaged or even killed by fire, but their foliage and stems don't significantly contribute to a fire's intensity, said Amy Jo Detweiler, an OSU Extension horticulturist. In essence, they can create a living wall that reduces and blocks intense heat. However, she stressed that fire-resistant plants will burn if not watered and pruned properly.

Some of the plants featured in the guide are:

Carnation (Dianthus): An evergreen ground cover that grows to about 6 to 9 inches tall and 15 inches wide, has pink flowers that appear in June and July, and is hardy in Zones 3-9. It takes partial to full sun, attracts birds

and butterflies, and grows well in rock gardens.

Tickseed (Coreopsis): A perennial with yellow, orange, maroon, or red flowers that bloom from March through November if kept deadheaded. The blossoms entice butterflies and the seeds are attractive to birds. Grow in part to full sun in well-drained soil. Hardy in Zones 3-9.

Delphinium: A perennial that prefers well-drained soil and grows upright to 2 feet and gets 18 to 36 inches wide. The blue, pink, purple, or white flowers bloom in March and April. Delphiniums take partial to full sun and need well-drained soil. Hardy in Zones 5-9.

Daphne (D. x burkwoodii): A 3- to 5-foot, semi-evergreen shrub with highly fragrant white to pink flowers that bloom in May and June and attract butterflies. This plant needs partial shade and well-drained soil with a neutral pH. Hardy in Zones 4-8.

Black oak (Quercus velutina): A deciduous tree with a spreading crown and good fall color. Grows 50 to 60 feet tall and wide. The diminutive flowers in March through May appeal to birds and butterflies. Acorns attract wildlife. Grows in full sun and is drought tolerant. Hardy in Zones 3-9.

The guide is a spin-off of the 48-page Fire-resistant Plants for Home Landscape, which was written by Detweiler and Stephen Fitzgerald, an Extension forester, and produced in collaboration with Washington State University and Idaho State University. It highlights plants appropriate for all areas of the Northwest.

In addition to planting fire-resistant plants, Edmunds recommends the following precautions:

- * Move plants, especially flammable ones, away from the house.
- * Clean up dead brush and debris and move firewood away from buildings.
- * Trim trees and shrubs to keep them about 10 feet from each other.
- * Use non-flammable mulch such as rocks near the house.
- * Have irrigated zones around the home's perimeter.
- * Clean off debris from the roof and gutters.
- * Remove the lawn close to the house or keep it closely cropped and watered.
- * Keep potted plants well irrigated.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



CHOOSING HEALTHY SNACKS

Snack foods frequently result in the downfall of good nutrition and ideal weight for youngsters and adults. Also, there's concern about their contributing to the increase of diabetes in our country. With schools starting throughout August, youngsters will be needing snacks again.

So snacks need to be considered from the viewpoint of nutritional value, calorie count, and the activity of the person eating them. Without an adult's teaching them the benefits of good nutrition and guiding them in their eating habits, youngsters often tend to want what's not beneficial to their health and weight. These eating habits then carry over into adulthood.

Factors to Consider

* Generally an active person burns more calories in a day so can eat more snacks in addition to meals without gaining weight. A less active person has to eat lower calorie snacks or fewer snacks.

* Foods high in sugar content have quick energy, but their nutritional value is not as high as many other snacks.

* Too often candy, cake, cookies, potato chips, and soda top the list of after school or recess snacks. Encourage youngsters to eat these in moderation for they're generally high in calories and lower in nutrition.

Desirable Snacks

* Fruits rate high on the list of desirable snack foods - apples, oranges, bananas, peaches, pears, plums, etc. Use canned or dried fruits when fresh ones aren't in season. Some are higher in sugar than others, so become knowledgeable about which are best for your children and yourself. With canned fruit, go for those in natural juice or low sugar.

* Fruit juices generally are better than soda for a refreshing

drink. Milk is good, too, unless you have allergies. However, remember when you add syrups, such as chocolate and strawberry, you add calories to the drink.

* Water is a very good beverage and necessary to maintain life and good health. When I was a child on the dairy farm, milk and water were our beverages. Sometimes Mother could afford orange juice for breakfast.

* Although carrot and celery sticks aren't always a favorite on the snack list, you can enhance them with cheese, cream cheese and peanut butter. (There are lower fat types of these foods.)

* Raisins and various nuts are good snack foods filled with nutrition. Of course, the dry roasted nuts are lower in calories than those roasted in oil.

Snacks Before Dinner/Supper

* If it will be awhile before dinner, after a youngster gets home from school, try a sandwich instead of sweets. Fillings such as tuna, cheese, peanut butter (without much jelly and marshmallow), egg or chicken salad will supply protein.

* If cookies have big appeal as a snack, try making types with the most food value and nourishment. Those with cereal ingredients, such as oatmeal and crispy rice, generally have more nutritional value than rich chocolate brownies and chocolate chip cookies. Adding wheat germ to the cereal cookie recipe also gives additional nutrition.

ICY BANANA SHAKES have nutritional value. Blend until smooth: 3 cubes ice, 1/2 cup milk, 1 teaspoon sugar, 1/4 teaspoon vanilla, 1 ripe banana. Enjoy!

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Community Notes

July 27

Watershed Wednesday

Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning to help care for this special area where the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers meet. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/tree establishment.

July 28

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. 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.

July 29

Living River Day

The Living River Exploration Day is from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene. Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds.

July 29

Benefit Concert

The Joey McGee Benefit Concert for the Vida McKenzie Community Center's rebuild will be held at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, 88393 Walterville Loop, starting at 7 p.m. Performing will be Joey McGee, visiting singer/songwriter/guitarist from Texas. This is a family-friendly event. Refreshments will be served.

July 31

Summer Camp

The McKenzie River Community School Summer Camp will be held from Monday, July 31st through Thursday, Aug 3rd for incoming 1st-4th grade. The camp will be on the school campus.

August 1

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.

August 1

Coffee With Locals

Meet at the McKenzie Bridge General Store, 91837 Taylor Rd. Come have a cup of coffee with the locals at 10 a.m. (paid for by Locals Helping Locals). Catch up with your neighbors, discuss how

you are doing in the fire recovery process, and share your successes and struggles. Contact Brenda Hamlow with questions: (541) 729-9802.

August 2

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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August 2

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.

August 3

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.

August 4

First Friday

First Fridays at Finn Rock Reach are from 9:30am - noon at the Finn Rock Landing, Quartz Creek Road. Join the Friends of Finn Rock Reach from March through November to help care for the Finn Rock Landing area. Projects include tackling invasive species, planting trees and helping to care for the public Finn Rock boat landing, keeping it free and open to the public by McKenzie River Trust. Project sites vary between the Boat Landing and other nearby conservation sites so pre-registration is required. We'll send out details for each project the Tuesday ahead of each event.

August 5

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birds.

August 5

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.

August 5

Ice Cream Social

The Upper McKenzie Community Center will hold its Annual Ice Cream Social from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Dr. This year a cobbler contest will be held - make your favorite cobbler to share, with the best winning a prize. Special guest judge Steve Severin will be tasting cobblers and choosing a winner. Prices: \$2 Ice cream, \$4 Cobbler a la Mode, and \$5 Sundaes The usual BBQ is switching to a cobbler contest.

August 7

Summer Camp

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August 8

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August 8

Tiny Dental Van

The Tiny Dental Van, sponsored by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program, will be at the Orchid McKenzie River Clinic every second Tuesday of the month in Rainbow from 8:30am - 2:00pm for assessment, intraoral photos, teeth cleaning, charting, and X-Rays. Call 360-449-9500 or 800-525-6800 to schedule new patient appointments or teeth cleaning.

August 8

McK. Tourism Committee

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee meets via Zoom every Second Tuesday of every month from 9:00am - 10:00am. Please join us even if you are not a Chamber member. The committee strives to strengthen the support of locals interested in improving tourism and the economic vitality of the entire McKenzie River Valley. Email the Tourism Chair to get on the meeting email list: Treasurer@McKenzieChamber.com

August 8

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August 10

Vida McKenzie Board

The board of directors of the Vida McKenzie Community Center will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, 88393 Walterville Loop.

August 11

Introductory Camp

Camp White Branch is hold ing an Introductory Camp Camp that is structured for children who haven't been to camp before and provides the security of having one of their parents along for the experience. It will be held from Fri, Aug 11th, 10 a.m. to Sun 13th 3 p.m. This weekend provides the opportunity to acquaint children with the facility so they will be prepared for future years of fun at Camp White Branch. Ages: Entering 2nd or 3rd grade accompanied by a parent. Register at: campwhitebranch.org/camps

August 11

McK Food Pantry

The McKenzie Food Pantry will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy, in McKenzie Bridge. Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. It's open every 2nd & 4th Friday.

August 11

Friday Art Walk

The 2nd Friday Art Walk will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m, starting at 500 Main St (Emerald Art Center in Springfield).

August 12

Living River Day

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Click here and stay in touch with events online [McKenzie Community Events Calendar.](#)



Joyce Brooks



On July 3, 2023, Joyce Brooks passed away peacefully at the age of 91 in Puyallup Washington.

She was born Dec. 3, 1931 in New Haven, CT to Pasquale and Lillian Pocaro.

She spent most of her childhood in Uxbridge, MA before moving with her parents to Southern California. In 1962 she married Pierce Brooks in Capistrano, CA. and in 1969 they moved to Springfield, OR where her husband became Chief of Police. In 1977 he became Chief of Police

for Eugene and they moved to the McKenzie River area they both loved.

Joyce loved cats, gardening, and bird watching. She volunteered at St Benedict's on the McKenzie River in Oregon for many years. Her hobbies were cooking, fishing, and traveling. She was well-loved by all her friends and family.

Joyce is survived by her stepsons Mike [Robin] Brooks of Puyallup, WA, and Dan [Mary] Brooks of San Dimas, CA; Grandchildren - Daniel, Kelley, Amy Jo, Trisha, Jesse, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Her parents, husband Pierce Brooks, and step-daughter, Sandra Brooks preceded her in death.

A memorial service for Joyce will be held on Saturday, August 19th at 10:00 am at St Benedicts Lodge Catholic Church, 56630 North Bank Rd. McKenzie Bridge, OR, 97413.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Benedicts Lodge Catholic Church.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

The Two Of Us



Petr Ovralov

So I thought my life was perfect. Not just good, but flawless. I was living a fairy tale. I am a well-known chef in one of the great cities. I had bad luck dating and couldn't find the one, that is, until she came along.

She was and is the one. There's nothing more I love than her. Perfect, right? We went out for a year, and I asked her to marry me. It was the most romantic proposal anyone could ask for. I hired waiters from my restaurant to hold vases of roses all the way up the stairs. Trust me, it's a lot of stairs. There on a rose covered bed was a ring.

She said yes. Perfect again! We are still madly in love, but there is a catch. Isn't there always? She used to be a ballerina, but dancers' careers are short. She quit performing and became an excellent dance teacher. She is still very involved with her company.

In her dancer days she was amazingly skinny and watched everything she ate.

Now she is eating normally and enjoying it, which is great for me because I get to cook for her. The catch? There is a wedding dress which has been passed from one amazingly skinny sister to another, and now it is her turn for the dress. Because of her change of lifestyle, the dress doesn't fit. Me not seeing the big deal (testosterone speaking here), I thought okay, let's get another dress or get this one remade.

That was not the right thing to say. There were tears, and I was adrift in a sea of ignorance. We settled down and had her family over for a dinner party. She was excited, I cooked, and everything was perfect. Then her sister said, "Wow, the food is amazing. No wonder you look like that!"

There was some nudging under the table, and I ran into the kitchen for some damage control. What's a man to do? I want this to calm down, and everyone to be happy. This is a wedding, and it should be happy!

Paul

Paul, there is artistry in the passion for food and artistry in the passion for dance.

We are convinced you are in love, so first and foremost tell

your fiancée that whatever she decides, you will do everything in your power to make it so.

Peoples' lives change. Her life has moved into another phase, and what was important is no longer as important. Your fiancée sacrificed for her art. You can understand this because you also have sacrificed for your art with cut hands, burnt fingers, and the stress of the kitchen.

She is no longer under the fanatical restrictions of the dance. Now she has earned the perspective of the teacher. She has nothing to prove to anyone else. She, and you, know her worth. From now on, it will always be the both of you.

Not to say anything malicious of her ill-spoken sister, but that comment didn't come from love. And a tradition which would stab a woman with feelings of anguish sounds not like tradition but a prison sentence. Your fiancée's body type and talent are rare. Why subject another generation, and perhaps your own daughter, to a tradition their very genes may not permit?

Happiness, health, and love are foremost in life. What do those three bring? Truth and compassion. Let decisions for the two of you be ruled by them. This wedding is coming from the two of you, and you are the main consideration.

Think of yourselves as concentric circles. First the two of you, and then others in order of what you hold dear.

Wayne & Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are the authors of *The Young Woman's Guide to Older Men*, *The Friendship Solution*, and *Cheating in a Nutshell*—available from Amazon, Apple, and booksellers everywhere.

American Life in Poetry

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

Then the War

By Carl Phillips

They planted flowers because the house had many rooms and because they'd imagined a life in which cut flowers punctuate each room, as if each were a sentence

not just to be decorated but to be given some discipline, what the most memorable sentences—like people—always slightly resist... Spit of land; rags

of cloud-rack. Meanwhile, hawk's-nest, winter-nest, stamina as a form of faith, little cove that a life equals, what they meant, I think, by

what they called the soul, twilight taking hold deep in the marshweed, in the pachysandra, where the wind can't reach.

Then the war.
Then the field, and the mounted

police parading their proud-looking horses across it.

Then the next morning's fog, the groundsman barely visible inside it, shadow-like, shade-like, grooming the field back to immaculateness.

Then the curtains billowing out from the lightless room toward the sea.
Then the one without hair

stroked the one who had some. They closed their eyes.
If gently, hard to say how gently. Then the war was nothing that still bewildered them, if it ever had.

Referred to as "one of America's most original, influential, and productive of lyric poets," Carl Phillips is the author of a dozen books of poetry and two works of criticism. He was born in Everett, Washington in 1959, and his family moved frequently around the United States. He earned a BA from Harvard, an MAT from the University of Massachusetts, and an MA in creative writing from Boston University. Before teaching English at the university level, he taught Latin at several high schools. He is Professor of English at Washington University in St. Louis, where he also teaches creative writing. Phillips was elected a chancellor of the Academy of American Poets in 2006, and since 2011 he has served as the judge for the Yale Series of Younger Poets.

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- 44. ____ Coffee, whisky drink
- 46. African river
- 47. Part of a sweatshirt, sometimes
- 48. ____-____-tat, drum roll sound
- 50. Please get back to me, acr.
- 52. 007, for one
- 53. Impulse
- 55. Consume food
- 57. **I'm going to ____, I'm gonna mess around"
- 61. **And I will ____ love you"
- 64. Do penance
- 65. Melvin Purvis' org.
- 67. High school balls
- 69. Goes with shaker
- 70. Cardinal, color
- 71. Lock horns
- 72. Eurasian duck
- 73. Pop-ups, e.g.
- 74. Earp of the Wild West

DOWN

- 1. Undergarment
- 2. Catalog
- 3. Fungal spore sacs
- 4. "____ at the bit"
- 5. Soldier's knapsack
- 6. Pinocchio, e.g.
- 7. Be unwell
- 8. Pancho's last name
- 9. Like certain print
- 10. **Here's a story of a lovely ____"
- 11. Assortment
- 12. Genesis twin
- 15. Fast and lively, in music
- 20. Giving a once-over
- 22. Spermatozoa counterparts
- 24. Reassert
- 25. **Believe it or not, I'm walking ____"
- 26. Sailor's cry: "____ firma!"
- 27. Like an implied agreement
- 29. **You're here, there's nothing I fear, and I know that my heart will ____"
- 31. Possible allergy symptom
- 32. Black and white treats
- 33. Leather razor sharpener
- 34. **Will the real Slim ____ please stand up"
- 36. Well-mannered Emily
- 38. Adult elvers
- 42. Live it up
- 45. Mooring rope
- 49. Though, shortened
- 51. Another name for papaw
- 54. Below, prefix
- 56. Be a slowpoke
- 57. Jellies' seeded cousins
- 58. A-bomb particle
- 59. Sheltered nook
- 60. Was aware of
- 61. Gives a hand
- 62. Lotus position discipline
- 63. Censor's target
- 66. **I'm friends with the monster that's under my ____"
- 68. Salon offering

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- 6. Lavatory, abbr.
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- 13. Revered Hindu
- 14. Three, to Caesar
- 15. Poison ampules, e.g.
- 16. Neckwear option
- 17. **Sometimes it's hard to be a woman, giving ____ your love to just one man"
- 18. Most populous country
- 19. **It's going down, I'm yelling ____"
- 21. **Sugarpie honeybunch, you

- know that I ____"
- 23. Act on IOU
- 24. Spanish sparkling wine
- 25. Mel ____, Giant Hall-of-Famer
- 28. Garbage in, garbage out, acr.
- 30. **If everybody had an ocean ____ the U.S.A., then everybody'd be surfing"
- 35. Less than average tide
- 37. All's opposite
- 39. ____, Wind & Fire
- 40. Gas station brand
- 41. Bottom-ranking employee
- 43. **The future's not ours to see, que ____"

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

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Events from Jul 27th

Find Your Voice!

Mon Jun 19th 1:00pm - Wed Aug 30th 3:00pm

Summer Reading Program

It's time to get your kiddos signed up for SUMMER READING 2023. Stop by during our open hours and pick up a reading/activity

July 2023

Wed Jul 5th 8:00am - Mon 31st 9:00am

FREE Breakfast and Lunch for kids

For McKenzie School District families! This summer, get FREE Breakfast and Lunch for all kids 18 and under! Join us on campus ...

Submit Event

Thu Jul 13th 11:00am - Sat Dec 16th 12:00pm

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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

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Fri Jul 14th 4:00pm - Thu Aug 3rd 7:30pm

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Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield

Wed Jul 19th 7:00pm - Mon Aug 7th 8:00pm

Upper McKenzie Fire District Board

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

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FOOD pantry

Fri Jul 28th 11:00am - 1:00pm

McKenzie River Food Pantry

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

Sat Jul 29th 8:00am - 4:00pm

Living River Exploration Day

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

Sat Jul 29th 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

Sat Jul 29th 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Joey McGee Benefit Concert

The concert will benefit Vida McKenzie Community Center's rebuild. Performing will be Joey McGee, visiting singer/songwriter/guitarist

SAVE THE DATE

July 31st-August 3rd for incoming 1st-4th grade
August 31st-September 3rd for incoming 4th-6th grade
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County to hold public hearing on rural accessory dwelling units

The Lane County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing regarding proposed code amendments that would allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in rural residential zones.

The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1st, at 1:30 p.m. People can attend in-person in Harris Hall at the Lane County Public Service Building (125 E 8th Ave., Eugene) or visit www.LaneCountyOR.gov/BoardAgendas for more information about participating virtually.

The code amendments would authorize accessory dwelling units on properties zoned Rural Residential and at least two acres in size. The ADU must be accessory to a single-family dwelling

on the property, as well as several other standards and conditions. This project also includes codifying an allowance to convert a historic single-family dwelling to an ADU when the single-family dwelling is replaced - subject to certain conditions.

The code amendments that will be discussed at the work session can be viewed online. They are also available to review in person at the Lane County Public Works Customer Service Center (3050 N. Delta Highway, Eugene).

The public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners follows a recommendation from the Lane County Planning Commission, which also provided for public involvement last year.

Practice wildfire prevention as fire season heats up

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) wants to remind Oregonians to stay vigilant this fire season. Over the last several weeks, the department has recognized an uptick in human-caused wildfires. ODF hopes that with understanding and cooperation, human-caused fires do not continue progressing.

With dry fuels, higher temperatures, and low humidity, now is the time for Oregonians to actively practice wildfire prevention.

“We all need to do our part to prevent wildfires from starting throughout the year, but right now everyone needs to be extremely careful,” says ODF Fire Protection Chief, Mike Shaw. “With the current conditions, just one spark, cigarette, or open flame could result in Oregon’s next wildfire. Preventing fires from starting helps protect our firefighters ++and communities from the health, safety, and economic impacts of wildfires and smoke.”

What does actively practicing

wildfire prevention mean? It means:

Check your local fire regulations. Public use and industry restrictions are put in place to help prevent wildfires. By following these regulations, you can help reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires.

Recreate responsibly. If allowed, only build campfires in approved campgrounds, and make sure your campfire is OUT COLD before leaving. If campfires are banned, consider using a camp stove.

Check your vehicle. Servicing your car regularly helps reduce the risk of a faulty part throwing sparks into dry grass while you’re driving. Also, make sure to not park or idle over dry grass if you pull over. The heat from your undercarriage or exhaust could ignite the grass below.

Keep a fire extinguisher on hand. We recommend keeping one in your car just in case you need it while traveling.

Don’t burn debris. Debris burn-

ing is prohibited across Oregon during fire season.

Public and industry fire restrictions are placed for a reason.

Fires in the outdoors start for several reasons (vehicles, campfires, smoking, cutting, grinding, and welding metal, power saw use, fireworks, electric fences, mowing dry grass, etc). Years of research have found that these activities are prone to start fires when vegetation dries out, humidity drops and temperatures rise.

Based on these studies, fire professionals impose fire restrictions to alert the public and forest workers of these dangers. Check with your local wildland fire protection agency or rural fire district for restrictions specific to your area.

Currently, the state remains between moderate and extreme fire danger, depending on where you are. Remember, human-caused wildfires can be prevented. It only takes a minute to curb your actions before disaster strikes.

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A Moment in Oregon History

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Wastewater for irrigation?

Oregon State researchers are developing new technology

Researchers in the Oregon State University College of Engineering are developing technology to convert wastewater into a product that would simultaneously irrigate and fertilize crops.

The three-year project led by Xue Jin, assistant professor of environmental engineering, will be supported by \$750,000 in funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and will involve partnerships with farmers, wastewater treatment plants and USDA scientists.

“Agricultural activity accounts for 70% of all available freshwater,” Jin said. “Worldwide, demand for food production continues to grow along with the population. As droughts become more frequent and severe, there is a critical need for effective treatment technologies that provide safe reclaimed water for agricultural irrigation.”

The project also aims to reduce reliance on chemical fertilizers, which are produced by mining and manufacturing processes that consume limited natural resources and create significant environmental impacts. Further impacts occur after fertilizers are applied to fields.

“Fertilizer runoff is a major source of pollution for surface water,” Jin said. “This results in algal blooms that contaminate drinking water sources and produce further harmful ecological effects downstream.”

The researchers are developing a two-stage, hybrid membrane filtration technology to treat the murky liquid discharge from anaerobic digesters, a type of bio-reactor used in water treatment plants and on some larger farms. The digesters rely on bacteria to break down organic matter in the absence of oxygen.



Johanna Carson

Xue Jin, assistant professor of environmental engineering at OSU, is developing hybrid filtration technology to enable the use of reclaimed water in agriculture, reducing the need for freshwater and chemical fertilizers.

In the first stage, an electrically charged membrane attracts ions such as ammonium, phosphorus and potassium and concentrates them into a fertilizer-rich brine. In the second stage, a forward-osmosis membrane removes contaminants such as bacteria, and the bacteria-free water is then recombined with the brine to produce a nutrient-enhanced solution that can be applied to crops.

“In laboratory-scale testing, we were able to recover 80% of the water,” said Quang Ngoc Tran, a graduate student who has been a key participant in the research. “When the technology is scaled up with optimal operating conditions, that number could go even higher. The output is basically pure water, with a little bit of dissolved salts that are the plant nutrients.”

Tala Navab-Daneshmand, an associate professor of environmental engineering at Oregon State, and David Bryla, a research horticulturist with the USDA Agricultural Research Service in Corvallis, will conduct green-

house studies to evaluate both the effectiveness of the treated water in plant growth and the biosafety of the resulting crops.

The team will also perform economic feasibility studies. Jin says the technology could potentially be deployed directly on farms that operate their own anaerobic digesters, or even on high-tech vertical farms situated adjacent to municipal treatment plants. Vertical farming refers to growing crops in stacked layers rather than just using the ground.

“We are examining multiple prospective use-case scenarios,” Jin said. “The fiscal impacts of this technology will prove to be a key consideration in whether it becomes widely adopted. The goal is to make agriculture more sustainable not just environmentally but economically as well. If we can develop an affordable system that will effectively reduce the costs of crop production, that could be very attractive to farmers.”

Come take a look!



Since October 2020, the Vida McKenzie Community Center has focused on one thing: rebuilding the gathering space that has served as a hub for McKenzie Valley residents and visitors since the 1940s.

On August 13th (from 2 to 4 p.m.) at 90377 Thomson Lane in Vida, everyone is invited to see the progress that has been made with the rebuild, and to learn about the many special features of

this new building – the first commercial space to be restored in the McKenzie Valley following the Holiday Farm Fire.

Come see the new structure. Learn about the new amenities and programs. Listen to our new baby grand piano (aka “Pat’s Piano”) played by Kimberly Reeves Parker.

There will be free refreshments and friendly people. Questions? Gerry Aster: 541-896-3001

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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July 20: 8:19: 43000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

13:02: 37000 blk, MJ Chase Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

13:30: 7900 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Assist, 1 Transported.

16:33: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident. Patients Assessed, 1 Transported.

July 21: 23:41: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

1:09: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

July 22: 18:22: 45000 blk, Big Fall Creek Rd. Mutual Aid. Provided Personnel/Cut Fire Line.

July 23: 16:08: McK. Hwy./ Milepost 13. Smoke Scare. UTL, Smoke from Bedrock Fire

Observed Settling In.

16:44: 47000 blk, McK. Hwy. Smoke Scare. UTL, Smoke from Bedrock Fire Observed Settling In.

17:40: 36000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, July 21st at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

Quote of the Week

“By the time you’re 80 years old you’ve learned everything. You only have to remember it.”

George Burns

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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: McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam – 833, McKenzie River below Leaburg Dam – 2,000, Leaburg Lake – 1,000, and Clear Lake – 3,000.

Fish Counts

July 20, Willamette Falls
Spring Chinook – 22,914
Summer Steelhead – 923

State Police Report

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51-year-old male.

July 22: 21:21: Warrant Arrest – Hwy. 126 E & Thurston Rd. Responded to a citizen reported complaint of a male and female in the roadway. Trooper located the couple and discovered the female half had a serviceable arrest warrant out of Eugene Municipal Court. Due to medical issues, the female was issued a criminal citation in lieu of custody. Involved: 50-year-old female.

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Recreation fees

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recreation interest groups to help ensure that the Forest Service is proposing reasonable and publicly acceptable new fees and fee changes.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed fee changes to the developed recreation program. The comment period is set to end by close of business on September 15. To ensure that comments are considered, people should send their comments to WillametteRecFeeComments@usda.gov or Willamette National Forest, Attention: Matt Peterson, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite D, Springfield, OR 97477. Comments can also be provided



online at (<https://bit.ly/R6RecFeeProposals>). For more information on the proposed project, visit our website at www.fs.usda.gov/willamette.

LOGGING CAMP

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The cookhouse was pretty large.

Mother and I would go out to pick hops in the fall. Maybe hop-picking wouldn't be done when I had to start school. Mother would stay and pick, and I usually would stay with my dad in camp. Then I'd have to go and stay at the cookhouse from the time he went to work until school started. At that particular camp, all I had to do was go out of the cookhouse, cross a spur track and walk maybe a hundred feet to the schoolhouse. I remember at Camp 37 we'd get enough snow that walking to school the snow on both sides of the path would be higher than my head.

When we moved camp the houses were moved. They were built on skids, and they'd be pulled up onto a flat car and taken to the new camp, where they were unloaded. The porch roofs were hinged, so they'd just go down during the move. I think the back porch floor was hinged too, and they'd put that up and then put the roof down over it.

After Camp 40 we moved to

Camp 3, north of Mill Creek.

The social life happened in the 4L Hall. Every camp had one of these. Those buildings weren't moved. They had to be rebuilt. Once a week they showed movies, and the kids all got in for free. We'd pull chairs up so we could put our feet on the stage. They were silent movies. We school kids could read the wording. The boys thought they were dating. They only had a nickel to spend, so they'd buy a box of Smith Brothers cough drops. That was the treat. Tasted like licorice.

Usually one night a week a minister came from somewhere and we had Sunday School and church in the evening. Never on Sunday. For a while, it was the Methodist minister from Marcola. In Camp 35 we had another minister, a doctor who was a Seventh Day Adventist. They asked him to explain why they were Adventists. He had charts and stuff, but I don't remember much. I was too little. The Methodist man was quite old. The kids would go to sleep and he would wham the

pulpit and wake everybody up.

Sometimes there were dances. The 4L stood for Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen.

[After our interview Thelma wrote a letter with more details.]

Groceries could be ordered from the Wendling store and were brought up once a week. So fresh fruits and vegetables were available, but prices were higher than in town and mother seldom used the service.

We sometimes had a small garden with things like onions, radishes, and lettuce. We took advantage of the wild weed called miner's lettuce for salads.

Some of the houses were owned by the logging company. They were painted white, while the privately owned ones were lumber colored.

When I was six my father made me a figure 4 trap and I trapped a couple of chipmunks. One of the older boys had no luck and wanted the chipmunks, so talked me into trading for a pair of banty chickens.

Connecting

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We learned the name of the virus: COVID-19. By the time we got home in Oregon, all thoughts of working on the album went on the back burner."

Like many others, that spring and summer were a blur for the McCornacks, and then on Labor Day, 2020, the Holiday Farm fire hit.

"That was unbelievably powerful," Carleen remembers. She admits she doesn't always compose in reaction to people's personal stories but when she sat down with her guitar she had a first verse that came directly from the stories people had been telling. "Some of our closest friends were evacuated, not knowing if they would have a home to return to if things ever came under control."

By late 2022 things had settled out to a point where they felt there was room in their lives to begin doing some constructive work on the album because it felt good to get back to their music.

Occasionally they've written songs together, but not often. This time around they were surprised to find they'd each been working on the same topic for a new song that internalized reactions to the Holiday Farm Fire.

In a way, they say, their "Days Like Today" album became a way to move on and begin living and making music again. "For us, it was a catharsis. We hope that it might be that for you, too," they explain.

Carleen says they're sensitive to audience reactions to the two songs they wrote about the fire. "We hesitate to perform them in concert and have been very purposeful in when we do them and when we don't," she says. "People will come up afterward and talk about their own experiences and losing homes. It's pretty powerful."

The River, they say, "is a jewel that has always been such an ever-changing inspirational element for us to be around." They'd also like to perform songs from their new album for the McKenzie community and have offered them as part of any upcoming fundraisers or commemorations.

More background on the McCornacks and their music is available at gardenvarietymusic.com

For links to the two fire songs go to: *Blue River Home* <https://youtu.be/aoGTixoPmOg> and *If I Had to Leave Today* <https://youtu.be/c6BNN4Yjxic>

Climber killed

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from drone footage, Lane County Sheriff's Search and Rescue personnel located the missing climber on Thursday morning.

Search and Rescue personnel were able to observe his body from a helicopter but because of extremely loose rocks and steep terrain reaching him on the ground was deemed impossible.

Lane County Sheriff's Search and Rescue personnel are consulting expert climbers from a number of sources to determine if

a recovery mission can be safely conducted.

"We are saddened by this loss of life and extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends," according to a statement from the Sheriff's Office.


Tranby's parents, April and David Tranby plan to establish a scholarship fund in their son's name at Oregon State University-Cascades, where he was a student.

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- 10:37 a.m:** Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Wendling Rd.
- 3:43 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - Blue River area.
- 4:19 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 38000 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
- July 21: 11:06 a.m:** Driving While Suspended - McK. Hwy. & Greenwood Dr.
- 11:47 a.m:** Civil Standby - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.
- 1:05 p.m:** Assist, Information - 39500 blk, Howard Rd.
- 1:13 p.m:** Assist, Information - 91800 blk, Blue River Reservoir Rd.
- 3:32 p.m:** Safety Hazard - 55100 blk, McK. River Dr.
- July 22: 9:11 a.m:** Disturbance, Dispute- 44300 blk, McK. Hwy.
- 10:11 a.m:** Criminal Mischief - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
- 12:02 p.m:** Water Patrol - Bellinger Landing.
- 12:20 p.m:** Burglary- 51600 blk, Blue River Dr.
- 2:36 p.m:** Assist outside agency - Lat: 44.33281708. Long: -121.838424.

- 2:46 p.m:** Criminal Mischief - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
 - 4:02 p.m:** Welfare Check - 38700 blk, Flowerdale Dr.
 - 6:02 a.m:** Assist, Information - 39500 blk, Howard Rd.
 - 6:37 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Lat: 44.11516. Long: -121.85197.
 - 9:33 p.m:** Lost Subject - Lat: 44.153023. Long: -122.950852.
 - July 23: 12:02 p.m:** Water Patrol - Bellinger Landing.
 - 12:20 p.m:** Burglary - 51600 blk, Blue River Dr.
 - 12:46 p.m:** Assault - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy.
 - 7:03 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.
 - 8:32 p.m:** Found Property - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.
 - 10:54 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - 90600 blk, Marcola Rd.
 - July 24: 2:09 a.m:** Alarm, Audible - 56800 blk, McK. Hwy.
 - 10:05 a.m:** Traffic Hazard - 55700 blk, McK. River Dr.
 - 3:04 p.m:** Lost Property - 45200 blk, Goodpasture Rd.
 - 1:41 p.m:** Fraud - 36500 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.
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