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Oregon's adventuress

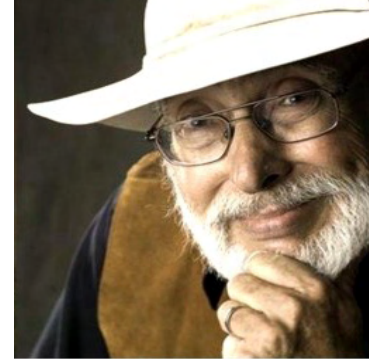
The first woman of European extraction to set foot in the Oregon territory was Jane Barnes, and she was, in every sense of the word, an adventuress.

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Home Country

Hitchhiking with a canoe, or with a sled and 11 dogs, would make a lengthy how-to book all by themselves

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Hosted by Eugene-based singer, songwriter, and artistic director Eynne Hollens, the Magical Forest of Strings is part of a new free Family Concert Series. It features the Eugene Symphony ensembles as a perfect introduction to the orchestra. These fun, interactive concerts are approximately 50 minutes and are open for children ages 0-12.

Arrive early for pre-concert activities including the popular Instrument Petting Zoo, and other family-friendly activities.

Embark on a magical journey through an enchanted forest and meet the String Family! Through engaging storytelling and an interactive performance, a group of young explorers will travel through the forest and meet various string instruments, learning about their unique sounds, roles, and how they work together to

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The Forestry and Natural Resources Extension program at OSU will be holding a succession planning workshop series called Ties to the Land, from November 2024 to January 2025. The series will be offered in both Eugene and Roseburg.

Ties to the Land is intended for small landowners considering how to pass on their land or associated business. The workshops help participants think through the social, financial and legal aspects of succession. Worksheets help participants refine their goals, take stock of assets and sketch out a timeline, while case studies bring the lessons home.

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The Pumpkin Sip at the Vida McKenzie Community Center is set for Saturday, October 19th, from noon to 4 p.m. This will be a festive autumn day of decorating charming floral pumpkins and savoring a selection of fall harvest sips.

Kits have everything you need —just add glue: Small, \$15, includes a baby bear pumpkin (2-4 pounds), dried flowers, and one focal succulent.

Medium, \$25, medium pumpkin 7-8 pounds, dried flowers, and three focal succulents

Large, \$35, includes a large pumpkin of 10-15
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Fatal wreck at Leaburg Lake

Crews spent several hours cleaning up after fertilizer spill

LEABURG: A two-vehicle crash on Monday near Milepost 24 of the McKenzie Hwy. took the life of a California man.

According to the Oregon State Police (OSP), their preliminary investigation indicated that around 12:20 p.m., an eastbound Dodge Ram 3500, operated by Colton Lane Wellette (20) of Monroe, was pulling a gooseneck trailer loaded with bales of hydroseed. As the Dodge negotiated the curve around Leaburg Lake, the trailer overturned, spilling the load into the westbound lane. A westbound Toyota Corolla, operated by 37-year-old Sierra Marie Evers-Hellmich of Eugene, collided with the debris from the over-turned trailer, causing significant damage to

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Spilled fertilizer that caused a fatal accident took cleanup crews several hours to remove near the shoreline of Leaburg Lake.

Knocking on EWEB's door

Area residents air concerns about Leaburg project's future



People attending a session focused on the future of Leaburg Lake heard a range of viewpoints including possible allies and if a new "parallel bridge" might be built.

VIDA: "We've structured what we've presented tonight not just to take a position but to look at the whole decision that has been made by EWEB to see what is the right thing to do," was how Bob Weeks summed up the purpose of a meeting that drew more than four dozen people last week. The gathering at the Vida McKenzie Community Center last Tuesday was sponsored by Neighbors For Neighbors, which grew out of the Save Leaburg Lake group.

"It isn't for us to say the dam should stay," Weeks explained. "If it's absolutely the right thing to do, then perhaps we ought to listen to that, but it's not a proven case."

Someone with unanswered questions was East Lane County
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Changes to McKenzie School voting qualify for the ballot

Residents of the McKenzie School District could change how school board elections are decided in the upcoming May 2025 election. If approved, petition 20-2024-75 would allow voters to rank candidates in order of preference on a single ballot in an at-large election.

Sometimes referred to as "instant runoff voting," ranked-choice voting (RCV) was not on a statewide ballot until this year. While Measure 117 will decide if Oregonians adopt RCV statewide, Benton County has already implemented the system, and Portland voters approved it for local elections in 2022.

In ranked-choice voting, if a candidate receives a majority (over 50%) of the votes, they win outright. However, if no candidate gets more than 50% of the vote, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. Voters who marked the eliminated candidate as their first choice then have those votes transferred to their second-choice candidate. This process continues until a candidate achieves a majority and is declared the winner.

Devon McCourt, who also goes by Devon Lawson, a McKen-

zie High School Senior who had considered running for a seat on the board, has advanced the ballot measure. In addition to the ranked-choice voting proposal, Lawson has also successfully promoted another ballot measure, 20-2024-76, which addresses lowering the voting age to 16 for school board elections in the McKenzie School District.

He notes the second initiative wouldn't impact non-McKenzie School District elections, which still require voters to be at least 18 years old to participate in the vote.

Lawson believes these changes are essential to strengthening the district's governance. "Ranked-choice voting ensures that elections reflect the will of the majority, providing fairer outcomes while respecting every vote. Lowering the voting age to 16 for school board elections empowers responsible young people to engage with their community and have a say in decisions that shape their education," Lawson said.

Guest Opinions

Considering character

By Val Rapp
As president of McKenzie Valley Wellness, the local nonprofit rebuilding the Clinic, I interact with many people in the community. Usually that's a fun part of my volunteer service. But not always.

In spring, 2022, controversy had risen about McKenzie Valley Wellness (MVW), reflected in articles and letters to the editor in River Reflections. In April, 2022, I learned that Tony Casad was running as a write-in candidate for board seat #3, the position that I held, in MVW's upcoming annual election of board members.

On April 27, 2022, I called Tony Casad to discuss his concerns about MVW's financial management. I started to explain why MVW had lost money several years while operating the clinic, and our plans for managing the funds we had to rebuild our clinic that burned on September 7, 2020.

Tony refused to listen to me, started talking loudly over me, and soon began dropping the sh** word and f*** word in his sentences, yelling loudly, and then

hanging up on me. Needless to say, I did not call him back. Tony lost his bid to get elected to the MVW board. I won in a landslide (80 votes to Tony's 27).

Tony Casad may deny that he ever talked that way to me on the phone. I ask that people in this community consider what they know about my character and honesty, and what they know about Tony's, and decide for themselves who is telling the truth.

My husband, Gene Skrine, has also interacted with Tony Casad. In November, 2023, there was a discussion on the Blue River Bulletin Board about the future of the Three Sisters Meadow property. Gene asked online about the Blue River Water Board's plans to use part of the property for future sanitation district needs. Gene mentioned Josh Cloke and Tony Casad in his post, as he knew they were both on the Water Board. Nobody from the Water Board answered online.

A day or two later, Tony Casad sent an email to me and asked me to forward it to Gene. Gene has given me permission to share the

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Redistricting Measure 20-362 does not measure up

By Terry Parker
While the Lane League wholeheartedly supports the establishment of an Independent Redistricting Commission within the Lane County Charter, we are strongly opposed to Measure 20-362.

In a nutshell this is why:

- * An Independent Redistricting Commission MUST be truly independent and allow for a diversity of voices to be at the table, including minorities and communities of interest that have been traditionally shut out.

- * When and why redistricting occurs matters and should not be at the whim of elected officials who, for whatever reason, just

don't like the map. This "small" detail written into Measure 20-362 looks like an opportunity to gerrymander.

- * Where the specifics live, whether in the Lane Charter or in Lane Code, matters. It costs taxpayer dollars to have to put minor changes to the Charter to a public vote.

- * Election integrity is paramount. We should be listening carefully to the experts in the trenches that do the work on the ground.

- * Process matters because if someone of influence can step in and do an end-run and circumvent an acknowledged, well-run public

process, that puts all citizen involvement efforts in jeopardy. It breaks TRUST.

When and Why. The Board of County Commissioners has determined (by a 3 to 2 vote) "that it is in the public interest and benefit to offer voters the option to approve an amendment to the Lane County Charter that would enshrine in the Charter a citizens redistricting commission empowered to prepare a redistricting plan"... That sounds great, but here's the rub, the Measure goes on to state "for the 2026 general election and thereafter in conjunction with the release of Federal Census data...."

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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

The McKenzie Varsity Volleyball team travels to Alsea on Tuesday, October 15, starting at 6:00 pm. The Eagles will host Triangle Lake on Tuesday, October 22, with match time again set for 6:00 pm. McKenzie's Cross Country teams travel to Harrisburg on Thursday, October 17, to participate in the Harrisburg Invitational 2024 meet. The Girls ' meters Varsity race starts at 5:00 pm, and the Boys ' K race will begin at 5:30 pm. The Eagle

football team hosts Gilchrist on Friday, October 18. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:00 pm.

Homecoming Week On The McKenzie

Welcome to Homecoming Week on the McKenzie. The McKenzie School District is celebrating this week's annual event with many activities, except one. What used to be one of the feature staples in a homecoming celebration, the bonfire, will not happen this year. Indeed, due to persistent fire danger extending longer into more recent Fall seasons, homecoming bonfires have become increasingly rare. However, that won't put a damper on the celebration, as the Eagles get fired up for the last home football game of the regular season with the Gilchrist Grizzlies. This week's activities at the K-12 School District include dress-up days, culminating in Thursday's Green and Gold McKenzie Day and a full school Homecoming

Pep Assembly at 1:35 and 2:54 pm in the Old Gym. High/Middle School classes will participate in Homecoming decorations created in the Old Gym throughout the week. Friday night, at the Halftime of the football game with Gilchrist, the annual Homecoming parade will feature the Homecoming Court and the crowning of the 2024 Homecoming Royalty. The 2024 Homecoming Dance (a High School Formal/Semi Formal affair) will be held in the Old Gym following the game. Weather forecasts for Friday's game time look favorable. Still, even if Ma Nature throws a few sprinkles on the celebration, McKenzie is showcasing its new grandstands and newly installed score clock/sound system/concession stand on Wade Thomas Field. Sound good to You-All? Well, grab your Green and Gold, and come on out and join the good, old-

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create beautiful music. Schedule: Saturday, October 26, 10:15 am: Musical Activities begin in the Hult Center Lobby in Eugene followed by the concert from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

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The series includes two in-person classes and four optional Lunch & Learn Webinars. Roseburg in-person workshops will be held Friday, November 1, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and Friday, January 10, from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Eugene in-person workshops will be held on Saturday, November 2, from 1–4:30 p.m. and Saturday, January 11, from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The cost to attend is \$50 per family. Pre-registration is required. To register or learn more, visit tinyurl.com/4x65xp6r or contact Carrie Mack at 541-237-6808 or carrie.mack@oregonstate.edu

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pounds, dried flowers, and five focal succulents.

Craft areas will be set up at the VMCC, and you can "Sip and Create." McKenzie Crest Wines will be there pouring their wide selection of harvest wines. VMCC will be selling delicious chicken noodle soup, bread, and pumpkin pie slices. Heritage-Cookies will also be there with cookies that are beautiful and delicious, along with SARU Bear Essentials and their line of alpaca blankets, artisanal soaps, creams, and chapsticks.

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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
10/8	46	77	0	532 cfs	10/8	82	45	0	2,180 cfs
10/9	49	67	0	526 cfs	10/9	79	46	0	2,170 cfs
10/10	46	73	0	526 cfs	10/10	64	41	0	2,170 cfs
10/11	47	70	0	526 cfs	10/11	67	45	0	2,170 cfs
10/12	49	76	0	520 cfs	10/12	73	49	0	2,170 cfs
10/13	47	75	0	520 cfs	10/13	75	45	0	2,150 cfs
10/14	46	73	0	520 cfs	10/14	76	46	0	2,150 cfs

Friday 10/17		Saturday 10/18		Sunday 10/19	
McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 60 Low: 41	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 46 Low: 32	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 69 Low: 46	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 57 Low: 38	McKenzie Valley Showers 60% chance precip High: 64 Low: 46	Santiam Pass Showers 60% chance precip High: 52 Low: 34

Sheriff's Report

Oct. 6: 12:20 a.m: Disorderly Party - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd. A caller reported a large party with a bonfire and fireworks. The location was in Linn County.

1:07 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy. A large group of people was at the boat ramp after hours, playing music and shining lights around.

1:28 p.m: Disorderly Subject - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy. Deputies responded to a neighborhood dispute. The call was resolved without an arrest.

Oct. 7: 11:13 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - Deerhorn Rd. & McK. Hwy.

7:38 p.m: Alarm - 37000 blk, Conley Rd.

7:40 p.m: Disorderly Subject - 37300 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Mobile Crisis Services responded to a mental health call in the area.

8:00 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Leaburg Dam Rd. A vehicle was parked after hours in the area. The owner retrieved their vehicle.

Oct. 8: 12:22 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 40500 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:23 p.m: Reckless Endangering - Lat: 44.148814. Long: -

122.250001. A male was shooting a pellet gun or .22 rifle into the river while people were fishing in the area, but left in a silver SUV before a responding deputy arrived.

2:34 p.m: Shots Fired - 43700 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:09 p.m: Reckless Driving - Whitmore St. & Marcola Rd.

Oct. 9: 4:33 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Blue River Dr.

Oct. 10: 1:28 p.m: Alarm - 41600 blk, Madrone St.

1:56 p.m: Fraud - 39100 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Deerhorn Rd. Self-report filed regarding identity theft.

2:08 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 91700 blk, Horse Creek Rd.

3:15 p.m: Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:19 p.m: Fraud - 39000 blk, Easton Ln. Self-report filed regarding an identity theft investigated in a different state.

8:40 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 38000 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

9:49 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - McGowan Creek Rd. Milepost 7.

9:59 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Hwy. 242 & Mp. 59 - 60.

Oct. 11: 5:40 a.m: Illegal Burn - 47200 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:26 p.m: Vehicle In Water - Leaburg Dam Rd. & McK. Hwy.

3:07 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 36100 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

3:26 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 45000 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:45 p.m: Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:28 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38200 blk, Boscage Ln.

4:02 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Horse Creek Rd.

4:36 p.m: Illegal Burn - Howard Rd. & Ann Ln.

5:31 p.m: Citizen Contact - 45900 blk, McK. Hwy.

6:21 p.m: Reckless Driving - Parsons Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

10:49 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Donna Rd. & Hill Rd.

Oct. 12: 7:48 a.m: Violation of Stalking Order - 38200 blk, McK. Hwy.

1:26 p.m: Assist Fire Department - 7700 blk, Thurston Rd.

1:58 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 36100 blk, McGowan Creek Rd.

3:46 p.m: Reckless Endangering - Lat: 44.2038224. Long: - 122.981174.

7:19 p.m: Warrant Service - 42400 blk, Holden Creek Ln.

9:02 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Marcola Rd. & Moss Rd.

10:02 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

Oct. 13: 11:51 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 95300 blk, Thetford Ln.

2:01 p.m: Citizen Contact - [Continued On Page 10](#)

90200 blk, Huckleberry Ln.

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

State Police Report

Oct. 3: A 2005 Harley Davidson motorcycle with a single occupant was westbound on Hwy. 126E near Milepost 50, negotiating a curve. Oregon State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit members responded to document the scene utilizing advanced measuring techniques. The motorcycle operator struck a single piece of firewood in the westbound lane of travel. After striking the firewood, the motorcycle operator lost control and began to slide. The operator was ejected from the motorcycle near the center, yellow line and came to a rest between the east and west lanes of travel. The motorcycle continued beyond the operator's final resting position in the eastbound lane of travel. The operator sustained significant injuries and was taken via Life Flight to Riverbend Hospital. The operator was in stable condition (at the time of this form completion.)

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Oct. 7: 14:30: McK. Hwy./Milepost 18. Public Assist. Public Assist, Move Debris from Roadway.

Oct. 8: 0:16: 41000 Block, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

6:20: McK. Hwy./Mp. 32. Motor Vehicle Accident. No Patient Found, Vehicle Flaged

15:47: 45000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

19:01: 88000 blk, Twin Firs Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Oct. 9: 13:49: 8800 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Oct. 10: 12:05: 88000 blk, Keola Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

19:18: 88000 blk, Keola Ln. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

10:23: 87000 blk, Upland St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

13:37: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Illegal Burning.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Oct. 11: 15:41: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Aufderheide Dr./Milepost 56. Report of a green van off the side of the road - on wheels, tires were off and rims were removed.

Oct. 13: 06:45: Medical - 52000 block, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

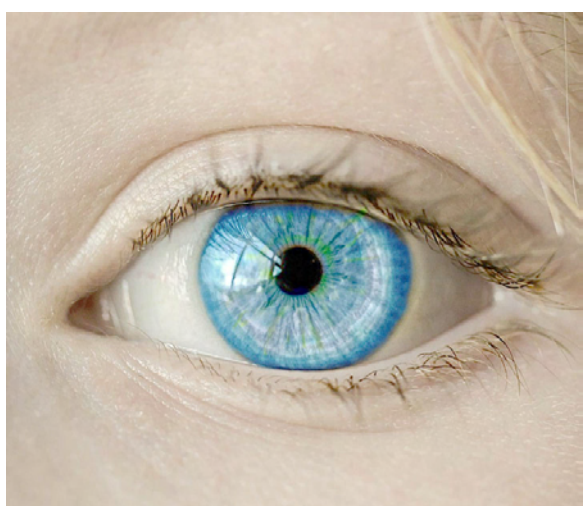
Oct. 13: 09:50: Medical - 56630 N. Bank Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

12:19: Check Smoke - USFS 1509 Rd. Seen from Buck Mountain trailhead, smoke only - no flames.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 21st, at the Blue River Fire Station 2, 51730 Echo St. in Blue River.

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Jane Barnes was Oregon Territory's first adventuress

By Finn J.D. John

One of the more interesting things about Oregon history is how much of a role “colorful characters” played in it.

Until a few dozen years ago, historians didn't much like talking about the contributions of prostitutes, swindlers, shanghaiers, and other underworld characters to Oregon's history, preferring to talk about brave pioneers and clean-living homesteaders and noble missionaries and such.

So it's no surprise that the name and identity of the first woman of European extraction to set foot in the Oregon territory has gone mostly unremarked. Her name was Jane Barnes, and she was, in every sense of the word, an adventuress.

The fact that she made it into the historical record at all is a testament to what an interesting person she must have been.

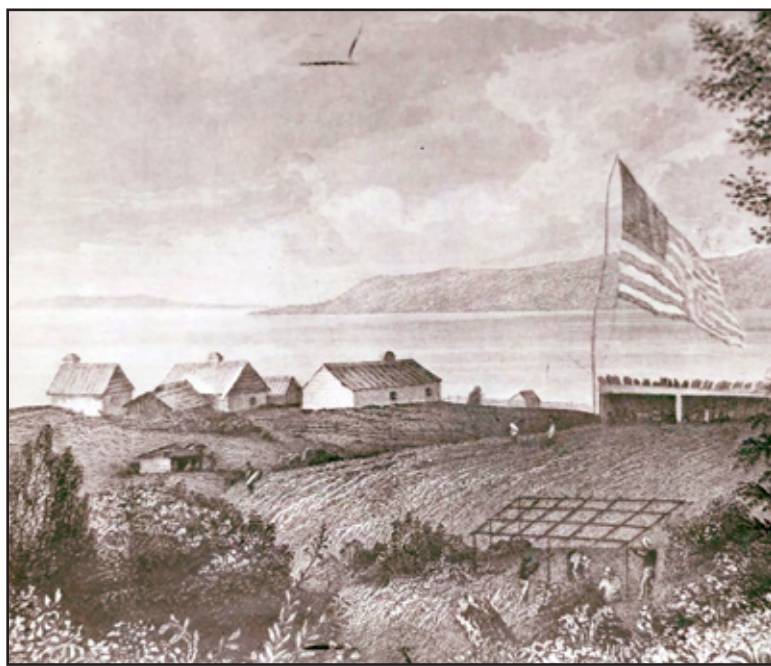
In 1813, Jane Barnes was a young, pretty blonde barmaid working at a tavern in Portsmouth, England.

By the end of that year, Jane had gotten into a love affair with a customer — an adventuresome Scottish gentleman named Donald McTavish, an employee of the North West Company. This British fur-trading company merged into the Hudson's Bay Company a few years later.

Donald was something of a VIP. The Company had tapped him to take over as chief factor of Fort George — essentially, governor of the British Northwest, which included the north half of today's Oregon and all of Washington and British Columbia. The Company had purchased Astoria from the Americans during the War of 1812 and, having renamed it Fort George, now needed to build it up into a proper trading fort with all the necessary organization.

McTavish was scheduled to leave for the Columbia River shortly to take his new position.

Historian Kenneth Porter writes, with that adorable condescension characteristic of mid-century historians when they write about interesting women, that Donald “without much difficulty, succeeded in adding her to all those comforts of home, including ‘bottled porter,’ ‘excellent cheese,’ and prime tinned English beef,



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Fort George as it appeared from the land, drawn by Charles Wilkes in 1841. Of course, the flag would have been a Union Jack in Jane Barnes' time.

with which he and his fellow-proprietor, John McDonald, intended to solace their long ocean voyage and subsequent exile in the Indian country of the Northwest coast.”

Porter assumes that it was Donald who talked her into traveling with him, but it does seem somewhat more likely that it was the other way around — that having Donald bring her along was her idea. He must have liked her. Porter's assumption to the contrary, anyone who thinks Donald McTavish planned to go out and find a random barmaid to drag along on a dangerous journey halfway around the world to an outpost in the wilderness should go immediately to a doctor's office for a head examination, taking great care to stay away from bridge salesmen on the way.

When Donald McTavish crossed the Columbia River Bar on April 17, 1814, she was on board his ship, the Isaac Todd. And a week later, she accompanied him ashore, where he took up his duties as the company's governor of what you might call British Oregon.

Jane's romance with Donald McTavish hasn't lasted very long. McTavish had planned to drag her along on an overland journey to Montreal after he got Fort George properly organized, which he thought would be a pretty quick job, but she soon made it clear that that journey was more arduous

than she was willing to endure.

So McTavish arranged for her to travel back to England on the Isaac Todd, which was scheduled to leave on August 1 and would return to Portsmouth after a stop in Canton. McTavish thought he'd have everything in place well before that, so he asked an associate, Alexander Henry, to take charge of her and watch out for her after his departure.

Henry, who had a wife and family back in England and seemed to have been worried about what all this would involve, agreed to the deal “more as an act of necessity than anything else.”

Once the deal was struck, McTavish sent Jane ashore to Henry's place and immediately took up with a pretty Chinook maiden, much to Henry's moralistic disgust. McTavish seems to have been a bit of a hound, and it would be nice to know more about how his colleagues and Jane felt about his behavior.

In any case, it didn't last long because while McTavish and Henry were being rowed back to the Isaac Todd from Fort George on May 22, the boat was swamped, and both of them drowned.

As a result, Jane was considered a widow by the local Chinook Indians, several of whom promptly proposed marriage. In particular, Prince Cassakas, son of Concomly, presented himself in a full state ceremony to propose a

marriage to her.

When Jane rejected Prince Cassakas' proposal, it caused a diplomatic rift between the tribe and Fort George. The only way to fix it was to get her out of there as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, she was stuck until Isaac Todd could get underway, and because of various delays, that didn't happen until September. So for four months, Jane Barnes was stuck at the fort, unable to leave its walls by herself for fear Cassakas' people would abduct her.

However, Jane seems to have had a good time during that time. For diplomatic reasons, she had to remain single — anyone she might give her heart to after rejecting the Chinook prince would be in serious peril, as would the whole fort, as the tribe would consider it a further insult. Historian Porter suspects the ship's doctor, Richard Swan, constituted himself as her secret cavalier; he accompanied her to most social events where a girl couldn't go stag. But no one knows.

While stuck in the fort, she entertained herself as best she could. At one point, she tried to establish a literary salon, but although she was nobody's fool, Jane didn't have the education to hold up her end of a conversation with an English gentleman. Ross Cox tells of an incident in which she was chatting up a company clerk and made what she thought was a Shakespeare reference that everyone present recognized as a quote from Alexander Pope. Doubtless, that was the end of that idea!

Finally, the day came when Isaac Todd set sail for Canton and stood out over the bar westward bound. We can only imagine with what relief, surely not unmixed with regret, the Company employees at Fort George watched her go.

At Canton, Jane once again landed butter-side up. There, she met and fell in love with an English gentleman working for the East India Company.

This gentleman — who none of my sources mention by name — “offered her a splendid establishment,” as Cox puts it. Naturally, she accepted, and Cox writes in 1832 (by which time Jane would have been nearly 40

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By Slim Randles

Chickens have forever had a place in our hearts and on our tables. Why is that? Well ... why not?

And so I'd like you to come with me back to the summer of 1970, 'way up north of Fairbanks, Alaska, to what was once the thriving gold mining village of Chicken, Alaska. I was on my way, hitchhiking with a 17-foot canoe, to paddle down a stretch of the Yukon River and to see the cabin where Jack London spent the winter once upon a time.

Just as an aside here, hitchhiking with a canoe, or with a sled and 11 dogs, would make a lengthy how-to book all by themselves. It doesn't sound easy, does it? It isn't.

So what I would do on these “adventures” of mine, (my boss, Larry Fanning, referred to them as Slim's tin-cup trips because of all the scrounging I had to do) is go to neat places and interview great people, and write stuff. My column in the Anchorage Daily News was called ... brace yourself ... “Slim's Column.”

Truth in advertising. So I arrived in Chicken, Alaska, only to find I'd nearly doubled the local population. In the far-distant past, Chicken was a ghost town. When the gold gave out, so did Chicken.

So what was left was “the business” consisting of a gas pump, a coffee pot, some postage stamps and a couple of nice folks. But there was something else, too.

There was not only an outhouse there, but it was electrically lighted. So where should I write my column? In an electrically lighted outhouse in Chicken, Alaska.

Naturally. The raising of poultry this far north is uncommon; too many local varmints, including any resident sled dogs, eat them. So how did this gold camp get its name? Ahh ... the very reason for that column typed on the wooden “desk” beneath that 20-watt bulb.

Chicken, Alaska, got its name because none of the miners there knew how to spell ptarmigan.

For a good look at the cover of the new family novel, Whimsy Castle, go to Amazon.com and look for books by Slim Randles. Thank you.

Quote of the Week

“I made a killing in the stock market. I shot my broker.”
Groucho Marx

CORRECTION

A quote in last week's edition of River Reflections - “asked Mr. Kruse what law I allegedly broke, and he did not know.” - was incorrectly attributed to Josh Cloke. The statement was made by Tony Casad.

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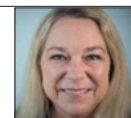
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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Go underground for colorful spring bloom



Karen Zmmermann

Allium blooms in a Corvallis garden.

“You plant spring-flowering bulbs in fall, they grow over winter, flourish in spring and go dormant in summer,” said Heather Stoven, a horticulturist with the Oregon State University Extension Service. “Once they’re in the ground, they do quite well over multiple years with little maintenance.”

On top of that, bulbs are drought tolerant. “That’s one of the great things about them,” Stoven said. “Since they go dormant in summer, they don’t need to be watered.”

If you plan to intermingle bulbs with perennials or place them near shrubs, pair with plants that don’t need much irrigation, she said. Or, if the area gets regular water, make sure the soil drains well.

Bulbs such as daffodils, tulips, crocus and hyacinth are planted in fall because they need some time to get their roots going before pushing up to put on a spring show. Although October and November are ideal for planting, bulbs can go into the ground until mid-December.

When purchasing bulbs, choose large ones. The bigger the bulb,

the bigger the bloom, Stoven said. Also, avoid those with mold or soft spots, which signal rot. Plant as soon as possible, but if something comes up to delay you, store bulbs in a cool, dim place such as an unlit garage.

Plan before buying

Make a plan before heading to the garden center. Decide on color combinations. Do a little research so that you can choose early, mid- and late-blooming varieties for a longer display. Think about what to plant together – a mix of different types of bulbs is an attractive option. A big swath of the same type and color bulbs will make a statement, too.

As you get ready to plant, dig holes to fit multiple bulbs rather than planting one at a time. The effect is more natural.

“Groupings are really nice,” Stoven said. “You’ll get a mass of color.”

When digging the hole, it’s best to follow directions on the package for planting depth, but a general rule of thumb is three times as deep as the bulb is wide. Add some organic material – compost, well-rotted manure or

mulch – to the bottom of the hole, place bulb pointed side up and cover with soil. Adding fertilizer is not necessary, but if you feel compelled, use super phosphate or a low-concentrated product labeled for bulbs, Stoven said.

There’s no need to dig bulbs up after flowering, but letting the foliage turn brown and die back is a good idea so that the nutrients contained in the leaves return to the bulb and it can start the cycle once again.

Stoven’s recommendations for uncommon spring-blooming bulbs

Fawn lily (Erythronium oregonum)

An Oregon native wildflower with dainty, nodding white or yellowish flowers and brown-stained leaves. Doesn’t mind shade and looks inviting in a woodland setting.

Grecian windflower (Anemone blanda)

Delicate, star-like flowers come in blue, white and pink on frilly foliage that melts away soon after bloom is over. Best used in a mass. “Blue is especially nice to have as a contrast to yellow daffodils,” Stoven said.

Allium

Part of the garlic family, this deer-resistant bulb puts up a stem with one ball-shaped flower, usually in shades of purple, pink and blue, more infrequently white. Sizes vary widely from the 10-inch flowers of ‘Globemaster’ to the tiny pops of 1-inch drumstick alliums.

Fritillaria

Another group of bulbs with wide variation. On crown imperial fritillaria (F. imperialis), bell-shaped flowers in orange or yellow hang in clusters from single stems up to 5 feet tall. The much-smaller native checker lily (F. affinis) has dark purple flowers spotted irregularly with yellow.

Species tulips

Just like their big siblings, but shorter, hardier and longer lasting. They come in many colors and often the flowers open wider than regular tulips. These bulbs will seed themselves, so they’ll naturalize and give years of enjoyment.

Want to learn more about this topic? Explore more resources from OSU Extension: Flowers, shrubs and trees.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



ENJOYING POTLUCK MEALS

Potluck meals or covered dish gatherings have been traditional fare with country folks for decades. These are served at family gatherings, church groups, quilting bees, school picnics, and other community get-togethers. I’m pleased they haven’t gone completely out of vogue.

The potluck meals consist of everyone bringing a main dish, salad, bread or dessert to contribute to the menu. Sometimes you’re assigned to bring a dish in a specific category. Other times, everyone simply brings what you wish. Even without specific planning, you usually have enough of everything. Our church has potluck once a month between the morning and afternoon services.

At the Allen family gatherings, each has their specialty. One relative provides her baked beans; another makes delicious fruit pies. Several family members try to recreate their mother’s potato salad, a family favorite.

Some dishes you might find are baked chicken legs and thighs, chicken/rice/pineapple casserole, broccoli salad, baked beans and franks, homemade macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, chicken divan, Shepard’s pie. Desserts could be rich chocolate cake, cherry cheesecake, rice pudding, brownies, chocolate chip cookies, and angel food cake.

Quilting Bee Potlucks

Other occasions such as quilting bees have had a long tradition of potluck meals in the evening after the ladies finished their stitching. The husbands, and sometimes children, would join for the evening meal after chores. Each family contributed some food.

Nowadays, women often have a shared lunch at their quilting meetings and workshops. These might consist of sandwiches and salads, or soup and salad, with a light dessert.

(If you know someone has food allergies or food restraints, you might want to mention the questioned ingredient.)

PASTA/TOMATO SALAD

Cook a pound of macaroni and let cool. Then stir in a can of diced tomatoes with seasonings like basil, garlic and oregano. To this add sliced olives of your choice. (Many supermarkets have olive bars where you can purchase many types.) Stir in feta cheese to taste. (Or your favorite if you don’t like feta.) Add a little Italian salad dressing to taste. I like a dressing that’s a little tangy and not too oily.

In addition, you can add diced ham or salami, cubed cheddar cheese, and chopped pickle, if you’d like. Top with sliced hard-boiled egg for a garnish.

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Community Notes

AA Meetings

AA meetings are held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church in Walterville. plus in McKenzie Bridge at 6 p.m. on Thursdays at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church.

Library Volunteer Drive

With the upcoming Grand Opening of the new O'Brien Memorial Library in Blue River, more volunteers are needed to help offer extended hours and more services to the community. Go to o'brienlibrary.org for more information.

October 14 - 18

Forest Glen Closure

The Forest Glen Boat Landing will be getting a brand-new vault restroom next week. To make it happen, the landing will be closed, including vehicle parking and boat landing areas. In the meantime, the Hamlin Landing (upstream) will remain open during this time, and the Finn Rock Landing (downstream) will remain open except for Oct. 16th..

October 17

Leaburg Food Pantry

At the Leaburg Food Pantry,

from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at the McKenzie Bible Fellowship, 45061 McKenzie Hwy. All are welcome! Please send folks!

October 17

Meet The Candidates

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Lucky Logger in Walterville at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17th. Guests Darin Harbick and Michelle Emmons, the Oregon House of Representatives District 12 candidates, have agreed to attend. Each will speak for 20 minutes - no debate - but they will be able to talk with individuals afterward. Please contact the Lucky Logger at (541) 726-9088 if you plan to attend. For more information contact: info@mckenziechamber.com

October 18

Burn to Heal

Spring Fed Media's short film "Burning To Heal" will be shown at from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Eugene Environmental Film Festival! at the Art House, 492 E 13th Ave in Eugene. Watch several films along with a Q&A panel about wildfire resilience. Tickets are on sale soon at the Art House Eugene.

October 18

Yoga In Leaburg

Yoga in Leaburg meets from 8 to 9 a.m. at McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy, every Friday.

October 19

A Dime At A Time

The Bottle Boys are busy from 10 a.m. to noon at the Leaburg Store, 42840 McKenzie Hwy. for Saturday morning sorting sessions. Donations can be dropped off at the Leaburg Store and maybe help us bag up the containers! Funds from plastic, glass, and aluminum containers go toward the rebuilding of the O'Brien Memorial Library in Blue River, McKenzie River Clinic, and the Vida McKenzie Community Center - all destroyed in the Holiday Farm fire.

October 21

McK Fire Board

The McKenzie Fire District Board will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy. Call 541-896-3311 for more information.

October 21

Upper McK Fire Board

The Upper McKenzie Fire District Board of Directors monthly meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the fire station, 56578 McKenzie Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge. For more information, 541-822-3479.

October 22

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.

October 22

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.

October 22

Food Pantry

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

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October 23

Lane Coop Board

The Lane Electric Coop Board of Directors meets at 787 Bailey Hill Road in Eugene. Members of Lane Electric Cooperative can join monthly board meetings, which begin at 9 a.m. Each meeting begins with a member comment period. Individual members have three minutes to address the board at that time. Topics presented will be discussed amongst the board and followed up on accordingly. If you wish to address the Lane Electric board please complete a meeting request form at least five days prior to the meeting you would like to attend: <https://>

October 23

Watershed Wednesday

Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. 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.

October 25

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October 26

Grand Opening & Treats

A Spooktacular Trunk or Treat Block Party Event is set for 6 to 8 p.m. at the Orchid Health McKenzie River Clinic at 51730 Dexter Street in Blue River - combined with the celebration for the opening of the new clinic.

Fun activities include the best trunk contest, Treats, music, and more. We also offer Guided tours of our brand-new clinic—get a peek inside!

Trunks will be on Blue River Drive, the town's Main Street starting at 4 p.m. Costumes are encouraged - everyone's welcome

Want to set up a trunk? Call 541-822-3341 to join in the fun.

October 28

Spfd School Board

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

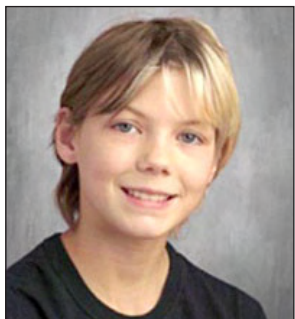
McKenzie Students of the Month

For the month of September we focused on "Respectful" in our RIVER acronym. We looked for students who "respect school staff and peers, are helpful and considerate of others, actively listen to all speakers, and communicate positively."



High School student Asaiah Story (11th grade) consistently arrives on time and ready for the daily assignment. He listens to instruction and is willing to compromise. Asaiah can represent "respectful" to any group he is working with as well as working on solo projects and assignments. He always acknowledges his teachers and peers with a courteous greeting no matter where he is. Asaiah helps other students and greets people kindly.

Every interaction with Middle School student Anistyn Thoms (7th grade) has been positive. She has been helpful volunteering at HS volleyball games. She is receptive and always listens! Anni is always respectful in class. She is always able to compromise and complete any assignment that is given to her. Anni is attentive and she respects the rules and expectations in every project. She is always pleasant to peers and teachers. She is helpful and kind. Anni listens respectfully, stays on task, and treats all her classmates well.



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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

High Society



Tom Pottinger

I am a 34-year-old, single, college-educated woman, but honestly, I feel clueless when it comes to love. I've had lots of relationships in the last six months. That's when men start professing their love, and I find a reason to run.

I had one relationship that lasted five years, mainly because he was a professional athlete. I'm ashamed to admit I would have stayed with him just because of what he did for a living and the exciting lifestyle he provided. Even then, I cheated twice. No matter how great the guy is, I always feel I might miss something better out there or find someone who makes more money or is better looking.

I have to prove myself to the world by finding the perfect man. My perfect man is incredibly good-looking, has a high-powered or high-paying job, is strong enough

to protect me, dresses hip, and has an amazing personality.

My friends and family would tell you I'm a sweet, loving person, which I truly am. I'm very much the girl next door type. I love the simple things in life, but for some reason, my priorities get all messed up when it comes to relationships.

Recently, I met an amazing guy who wants to pursue a relationship. Honestly, if this guy were a professional athlete, lawyer, doctor, or even owned a highly successful business, I would be completely into him. He tells me love is all that matters in life, but I don't know what love is when it comes to relationships.

Cami

Cami, in Somerset Maugham's novel "The Razor's Edge," a man named Elliot Templeton spends his life trying to secure a place in elite society. Elliot lives in mortal fear of not being invited to the best parties. In the end, he dies alone. As one character in the novel remarks, "I happen to think that we've set our ideal on the wrong objects."

Like Elliot Templeton, you attribute value to yourself by the value of those you are with. However, the problem with selling yourself to the highest bidder is

you can never be sure when you will get the highest bid. Something better may always come along.

You're clever, polished, and attractive enough to attract powerful men, but it doesn't satisfy you. After six months, your goal is accomplished, but you lack a reason to stay. Acting solely to elicit a response from a man ensures you will believe his feelings are no more genuine than your own.

Now, you're in love with the idea of being a simple girl who loves romance, but that idea is no more substantial than wanting a man for his looks or his money. A man's looks, money, and fame can disappear overnight, but a genuine connection to that man can endure as long as life itself.

Elliot Templeton loved parties, and parties are wonderful. But when the party's over, and cigarettes are jammed into the potted plants and glass rings on every table, you deal with that unless you're not alone because you have someone of your own.

Wayne & Tamara

Bad Associations

My friend "Tina" and I had a falling out. During the weeks leading up to our fight, Tina took advantage of me by continually asking for rides home. She lives in the complete opposite direction of my house, and gas is not cheap.

She sent a letter saying she was sorry I felt taken advantage of. Instead of saying sorry, she took

advantage of me. We haven't spoken since. I think she should have chosen her words more carefully. Should I talk to her or move on? We'll probably never see each other again.

Autumn

Autumn, it's hard not to think about someone who once was part of your life, but as with cigarettes,

it helps to break the association with things that are not healthful for you. Move on.

Wayne

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

Mirror

By Li-Young Lee

Li-Young, don't feel lonely

when you look up

into great night and find

yourself the far face peering

hugely out from between

a star and a star. All that space

the nighthawk plunges through,

homing, all that distance beyond embrace,

what is it but your own infinity.

And don't be afraid

when, eyes closed, you look inside you

and find night is both

the silence tolling after stars

and the final word

that founds all beginning, find night,

abyss and shuttle,

a finished cloth

frayed by the years, then gathered

in the songs and games

mothers teach their children.

Look again

and find yourself changed

and changing, now the bewildered honey

fallen into your own hands,

now the immaculate fruit born of hunger.

Now the unequaled perfume of your dying.

And time? Time is the salty wake

of your stunned entrance upon

no name.

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Li-Young Lee (he/him) is a poet and the author of *The Invention of the Darling* (W. W. Norton, 2024); *The Undressing* (W. W. Norton, 2018); *Behind My Eyes* (W. W. Norton, 2009); *From Blossoms: Selected Poems* (Bloodaxe, 2007); *Book of My Nights* (BOA Editions, 2001), winner of a William Carlos Williams award; *The City in Which I Love You* (BOA Editions, 1990), winner of a Laughlin Award; and *Rose* (BOA Editions, 1986), winner of a Delmore Schwartz Memorial Poetry Award from New York University. He also wrote the memoir *The Winged Seed: A Remembrance* (BOA Editions, 1995), and cotranslated the *Dao De Jing of Laozi* with Yun Wang (W. W. Norton, 2024).

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Personal

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- 53. Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex", e.g.
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- 61. *Ghostly apparition
- 65. Throat dangler
- 66. **"The Murders in the ___ Morgue"
- 68. Actress Watts
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- 70. Songwriter Gershwin
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- 73. Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy
- 74. River clay deposits

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- 1. Hightailed it
- 2. *Adjective for Merlin, hair-wise
- 3. Aquarium scum
- 4. **"Unattractive" Munster relative
- 5. SI vakian monetary unit
- 6. Project Apollo org.
- 7. Exclamation of surprise
- 8. Pico de gallo, e.g.
- 9. Painter Chagall
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- 12. *Like decorated house on Halloween
- 15. El Chapo's organization, e.g.
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- 24. Puppy purveyor, often
- 25. *Teeth of #19 Across
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- 34. "Fiddler on the Roof" gossipy character
- 36. Coral barrier
- 38. Gads, anagrammed
- 42. Mold a mind
- 45. Expel a lawyer
- 49. Ever, to a poet
- 51. Bluish planet
- 54. *#12 Down, alt. sp.
- 56. Sushi option
- 57. Stubborn beast
- 58. Swear, not curse
- 59. Type of hexahedron
- 60. Having wings
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- 17. Sun, in Spain
- 18. Knightly suit
- 19. *Can take the form of a certain flying mammal
- 21. *Spell casting
- 23. Between E and NE

- 24. Fisherman's fly
- 25. Away's partner
- 28. Biology lab supply
- 30. Offspring of alumnus
- 35. Month before Nisan
- 37. Latte choice
- 39. Filthy dough
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Lane County Parks
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Wellhouse coming online



BLUE RIVER: After years of work, the Blue River Water District's (BRWD) new well house is scheduled for a final electrical inspection next week and will be completed by the end of the month.

Officials said the completion of the well houses marks a significant milestone in the district's ongoing efforts to restore and modernize the water system following the devastation caused by the 2020 wildfires. The new well house is expected to safeguard the community's water supply, ensure more efficient operations, and provide the infrastructure necessary for future growth and resilience.

Following a 2021 legislative change, the water district expanded, becoming a sanitary district. Those operations are slated to enter the engineering phase soon, but securing adequate funding remains a challenge—only 25% of the necessary resources have been secured so far.

Drain fields at the Blue River Park and the 16-acre Three Meadows site are currently being evaluated for their suitability and compliance with Oregon DEQ regulations.

On the water side of operations, several updates have included include:

- Repairing 15 leaks, including a major leak that was losing 2 million gallons of water monthly since 2001.

- Upgrading the water system to meet modern standards, including inspecting and cleaning reservoirs.

- Launching a new website at blueriverwaterdistrict.com

- Installing new software that enables remote water system management.

- GPS-locating all meters and hydrants, uncovering three previously unknown hydrants and numerous unbilled meters.

- Establishing an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Rainbow Water District for consulting, billing, and emergency support.

With the well house project nearing completion, the district is poised to begin the next phase of the water system rebuild. Engineering work is expected to wrap up soon, with bids for the project to be opened in October 2024. Construction is slated to begin in early spring 2025. Unlike the sanitation project, funding for the water system rebuild is fully in place, which should ensure a smooth transition into the construction phase.

Problem Solved



By Christopher Elliott

Why won't Citi remove these fraudulent charges from my card?

Kathleen Sullivan has \$4,000 in fraudulent charges on her Citi Costco Visa. Why won't Citibank help her?

I've had 20 fraudulent charges on my Citibank account, and I need your help removing them.

The charges happened six months ago, and they were all for an online travel agency called Agoda. I immediately notified Citi and Agoda. Citi issued me a new card, but the fraudulent charges continued. It took four new cards before the charges stopped.

The charges were all for hotels in and around Singapore, usually for one or two nights. I saw a name on an invoice that I reported. Citi, of course, told me they would investigate. Agoda said the charges were legit, so Citi wants me to pay.

Because I had used Agoda in the past, Citi said they consider it a "billing discrepancy" and not a fraud. An Agoda representative told me the company was not going to charge me and I should talk with Citi. But that was not true -- Agoda charged me and Citi allowed it.

I thought if you called and got a person's name and date of conversation, the information would be recorded in my account. I have learned that is not the case. Can you help me?

Kathleen Sullivan
Redwood City, Calif.

It would help if you weren't responsible for any of these fraudulent charges -- not a one.

This textbook case of bureaucracy and lack of accountability costs an innocent customer \$4,000.

But let's break this down. First, when you saw a fraudulent charge on your card, you did the right thing by reporting it. One of Citi's card benefits is that you will not be responsible for unauthorized charges. Citi defines those as charges neither you nor any authorized user made. According to your records, you met both criteria; an unknown person outside the country made these.

So why did the charges continue? That's a mystery. Citi may have updated all the merchants you were doing business with, including Agoda. When you signed up for

your Agoda account, you might have authorized your credit card to share that information with the company. (I asked Citi about your case, but it didn't say what went wrong.)

The only thing that would have stopped the charges is if you'd closed your account. But, of course, you couldn't have known that.

Someone may have hacked into your account -- again, it's difficult to say how someone obtained your account credentials and made fraudulent bookings. What is certain is that your bank should have stepped up to fix this problem ASAP.

I list the names, numbers, and email addresses of the key executives at Citigroup, Costco, and Agoda on my consumer advocacy site, Elliott.org. A brief, polite appeal to one of them should have helped them see that they were overlooking something.

And what was that "something"? Even though you had an Agoda account, it didn't mean you made those transactions. Citi's guarantee is unambiguous. It should have promptly reversed the charges and not held you responsible for future fraudulent charges.

I find it remarkable that these reservations were made under a different name for a hotel in a country you were not even in at the time. Plus, you reported the transaction as fraudulent. This should have been an open-and-shut case.

Could you have handled this differently? Well, you could have potentially gotten Costco involved. And I think you might have appealed your credit card dispute. I have more advice in my complete guide to credit card disputes.

I contacted Citibank on your behalf. It also didn't respond to my initial inquiry, but I asked again. Then you contacted me with some good news.

"I got a letter from Citi today saying they have credited my account on the fraudulent charges," you said. "After almost six months of trying to get Citi to acknowledge the fraud, I felt very hopeless. I am so grateful!"

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy (https://elliottadvocacy.org), a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him at https://elliottadvocacy.org/help/ChristopherElliot

A Moment in Oregon History
By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

October 19 - Sidney Moss was a surveyor, stonemason, hotelkeeper, storeowner and author. He came west with the Hastings expedition in 1842 and was called on to survey the new town of Oregon City. He performed this duty with nothing more than a pocket compass and a piece of rope that he claimed, "Is exactly a rod long, on a dry day." Moss purchased a lot in Oregon City and constructed and operated the first hotel west of the Rocky Mountains. By 1850 he had amassed a fortune and sent a partner east with \$63,000, a fortune in those days, to purchase merchandise for his store. But the money was lost along the way, and although Moss lived to be 91 years old, he never recovered financially from this setback.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

* For supplemental budgets proposing any change in a fund's expenditures by more than 10 percent.

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for McKenzie Fire & Rescue Lane County, State of Oregon, for the current fiscal year, will be held at 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, OR. The hearing will take place on October 21, 2024 at 12:00 a.m. p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested persons.

A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after October 11, 2024 at 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, OR between the hours of 8:00 a.m. p.m. and 5:00 a.m. p.m.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES			
AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE REVISED TOTALS IN THOSE FUNDS BEING MODIFIED			
FUND: Capital Outlay			
Resource	Amount	Expenditure—indicate Org. unit / Prog. & Activity, and Object class.	Amount
1. Grant Revenue	\$ 373,211	1. Capital Outlay - CWRWR	\$ 325,000
2.		2. Capital Outlay - Land & Bldg	\$ 48,211
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Revised Total Fund Resources	\$ 373,211	Revised Total Fund Requirements	\$ 373,211

Explanation of change(s):
Grant funds awarded: \$325,000 for a Defensible Space/Fuels Reduction Program; \$48,211 for District use on building projects.

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Resource	Amount	Expenditure—indicate Org. unit / Prog. & Activity, and Object class.	Amount
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Rural voters want worker centered policies, poll says

By Eric Tegethoff
Oregon News Service
Rural voters in Oregon and across the U.S. tend to be swing voters and may decide the outcome of this year's presidential election.

Their biggest concerns are the economy, threats to democracy, and abortion - according to a new Rural Democracy Initiative poll.

Sarah Jaynes, executive director of the initiative, said these voters want elected leaders to prioritize lowering costs and increasing wages for working people, not cutting taxes for the rich or deregulating corporations.

"They're very focused on working people as kind of the heroes of the economy and concerns that impact working-class people," said Jaynes. "Rural people and small-town folks are more likely to be working class. About 70% of rural folks are working class."

Seventy-one percent of rural voters agreed with the statement: "True patriotism is protecting the freedom to live our lives as we choose."

Just 23% agreed that "patriotism is about preserving a traditional

way of life." The poll was conducted in ten battleground states between August 28 and September 8.

Nearly eight in ten rural voters are firmly against banning abortion. Jaynes noted the same number pollsters saw in a similar survey in March.

"They either said that they were against abortion themselves but didn't think that the government should control a woman's choice in the matter," said Jaynes. "Or they just thought that abortion should be legal."

The poll shows Donald Trump with an 18% lead over Kamala Harris among likely rural voters. But that is down from a 26% lead in March before Harris announced her campaign.

Jaynes said the big takeaway for both major parties should be that rural voters want worker-centered policies.

"People want to make sure that they have the tools and the opportunities to create a good life for themselves and their families," said Jaynes. "And that shows up in their support for child care and health care."

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Advised Homeowner Of Burn Restrictions.

Oct. 11: 15:41: 39000 blk, Waltherville Ln. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

15:50: 47000 blk, McK. Hwy. Illegal Burning. Unable To Locate.

17:14: 88000 blk, Stephens Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

Oct. 12: 5:32: 47000 blk, McK. Hwy. Illegal Burning. Illegal Burn Pile, Extinguished.

13:24: Leaburg Dam Rd./McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident. Patient Refusal Obtained, Transferred Scene to LCSD.

Oct. 13: 13:11: 7700 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, Heart. Assist Eugene/Springfield Fire.

18:16: 88000 blk, Thienes Ln. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, September 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.

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Guest Opinion

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email he got from Tony. Here's the full text:

"Dear Eugene,

Your recent Facebook post was truly a masterpiece of ignorance and misinformation. I must say, your ability to remain blissfully uninformed is truly astounding. It's not shocking that your comments were completely off the mark; what's surprising is your apparent absence from all four of Lane County's community plan meetings. Were you too busy conjuring baseless opinions to bother attending? The most recent meeting was just last week, but I suppose your calendar was full.

And let's not forget the Water District board meetings conveniently held every first Wednesday at 6 PM. It's a shame you haven't graced them with your presence because, had you bothered, you would know that the Water Board has absolutely nothing to do with the county plans. But alas, your ignorance knows no bounds.

The county project, which you so confidently criticize, was mandated to have three proposals presented, one of which includes no septic system. Perhaps you missed the memo, but comments have been welcomed at every juncture. Unfortunately, you seem to have missed every turn.

Let's address the \$15,000,000 issue, shall we? The Water District did not receive a windfall for studying something; approximately \$10,000,000 is earmarked for rebuilding the water system, a project well underway in its engi-

neering stages and set to be completed by 2025. Maybe if you had paid an iota of attention or deigned to attend a meeting, you would be aware of these facts.

The remaining funds have been allocated to various projects up and down the river, including the Lazy Days septic project. It's quite simple: pay attention, and you might just grasp the complexities involved.

Lastly, your childish tactic of calling out two out of five board members by name in an accusatory and inflammatory manner is nothing short of pathetic. Frankly, it's about as childish as one can get, but then again, your lack of surprise is duly noted. If you insist on spewing baseless accusations, at least have the decency to educate yourself before opening your mouth. Better yet, if you have questions, muster some courage and attend a meeting. It's time to grow up.

Sincerely,
Tony Casad"

I personally was stunned at Tony's insulting and vitriolic response to a question about the Water Board's plans. Gene did not reply to Tony's email.

As the president of a nonprofit, I do not endorse candidates or election referendums. I can, however, share factual information that may be of interest to voters.

Val Rapp lives in McKenzie Bridge.

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voter registration and administration of federal, state, and local elections within Lane County. The job is daunting and increasingly complex. They have been under siege. The Lane County Clerk articulated to Commissioners that: "Introducing tasks outside the normal scope of election management within the proposed timeline poses significant risks to the integrity of elections in Lane County."

Process matters. The Charter Review Committee presented its final report and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on October 10, 2023. Nearly one year ago. When asked in late May to review a very "late-in-the-game" proposal that had no apparent public input or review, the Committee unanimously said NOT to put this Measure on the November ballot.

The district boundary map in use today has never been challenged. The current district boundaries

have never been appealed to either the Secretary of State or in court. There is no documentation that the maps are in any way biased. There will be no new data available from the census until 2030. Crunching the same numbers in 2025 is a waste of our money.

The League's goal is to have an Independent Redistricting Committee that works for the people of Lane County, not for politicians. Measure 20-362 does not measure up.

Terry Parker is President of the League of Women Voters of Lane County. The League is a political grassroots network and membership organization that believes the freedom to vote is a nonpartisan issue. For more than a century, we've worked to empower voters and defend democracy. As a woman-led organization, we encourage everyone to take part in our democracy.

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Jane Barnes

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Oregon Historical Society
Fort George as it appeared from the river in 1845, as sketched by H. Warre.

years old), “the last account I heard of her stated that she was then enjoying all the luxuries of Eastern magnificence.”

But, you know how rumors are — another account says Jane was back in England by 1916, trying to claim a small annuity promised to her by Donald McTavish.

In any case, that’s the point at which the record goes silent. Either Jane Barnes found her “forever home” with a man she met in a waterfront Canton bar, or she finished her run battling for a small annuity with a company of tight-fisted Scots who likely blamed her for a good share of the trouble they ran into at Fort George.

I think it’s more likely Jane found a congenial mate and disappeared into respectable obscurity in a then-approved manner. Had she remained single, she indeed would have made more news, and the men of the late Georgian period cannot have

been so unromantic and stodgy as not to find the Jane Barnes style of adventuresome spirit irresistible.

But as with almost all stories of “misbehaving” women in the 1800s, we’ll never really know.

(Sources: “Jane Barnes, First White Woman in Oregon,” an article by Kenneth W. Porter published in the June 1930 issue of Oregon Historical Quarterly; Adventures on the Columbia River, a book by Ross Cox published in 1832 by J. Harper; “Fort George,” an article by William L. Lang published Aug. 30, 2022, on the Oregon Encyclopedia website)

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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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fashioned Fun. Might just bring back some treasured memories of Homecomings past! Hmmm!

Eagles Over Eagles At Eddyville

The Eagles earned a Mt. West League Varsity Volleyball victory last Tuesday, October 8. Unfortunately for McKenzie, the host Eddyville Charter Eagles won the three sets by 25-8, 25-7, and 25-7, thus securing the match win. With the loss, the McKenzie Eagles fell to 0-13 in Mt. West League play and 1-15 overall. Three MWL matches remain on the McKenzie 2024 regular season schedule: Alesa this week and Triangle Lake and Siletz Valley the week next. Mt. West League playoffs will kick off at Junction City on Saturday, October 26.

Eagles Compete At Lebanon Open

McKenzie’s Cross Country runners traveled to Lebanon on Wednesday, October 9, and competed at the Lebanon Open Cross Country meet at Seven Oak Middle School. Ten high school teams competed in the meet, including McKay, South Albany, West Albany, Woodburn, Scio, Regis, Triangle Lake, Oregon School for the Deaf, McKenzie, and host Lebanon. In the Girl’s 5,000-meter Varsity race, McKenzie’s Zyla Drake finished 11th in a time of 23:47.72 minutes, Claire Weiss finished 15th with a time of 24:30.35 min., and Myra

Dion finished 18th in a time of 25:39.84 min. Jocilynn Durgeloh of Lebanon earned a first-place finish in the Girl’s race, running the course in 21:17.27 min. Addy Wisner of South Albany finished second in 21:50.04 min. Eagle Will Meister brought home an 11th-place finish in the Boys 5K Varsity race. Meister’s finish time was 18:54.37 minutes. David Villanueva of Woodburn won the Boys race in 16:55.59 minutes, and Zander Campbell of South Albany finished second in 17:07.58 min. Five complete Boys teams competed and South Albany won the team race with 24 points followed by Regis, in second, with 61 points, Woodburn, third, with 66 points, Lebanon, fourth, with 96 points, and Scio, fifth, with 109 points. The Girl’s team competition was won by West Albany with 33 points, South Albany in second with 39 points, and Lebanon in third with 50 points.

McKenzie Rolls To Second Grid Iron Victory

McKenzie’s Varsity Six-man football team broke open the floodgates in the second half to rout the visiting Washington School for the Deaf Terriers, 51-19. The visitors from Vancouver, WA, were searching for an opponent to play following a cancellation. They found the Eagles with an opening and made the trip South for a first-time visit to the McKenzie River Valley. The Terriers scored the non-league game’s first touchdown on a 30-yard scamper by junior running back La’Juan Malone. The PAT failed. McKenzie would answer back with 1:07 min. remaining in the first quarter, when freshman backup quarterback Amir Enfield ran the pigskin in from 5 yards out for the touchdown. Ayton Brown kicked the PAT, which, in six-man football, is scored at 2 points, and the Eagles took the lead 8-6. McKenzie hit pay dirt first in the second quarter when wide receiver Ayton Brown broke loose and outran the field

for a 74-yard score. The Eagles converted the PAT run and scored 15-6. The Terriers answered the call 14 seconds later when Dimas Zepeda-Montoto found his daylight with a 65-yard scamper to the end zone. PAT failed. McKenzie quarterback Enfield noticed wide receiver Hayden Harbick wide open, connected on a 51-yard pass/touchdown score, and following a successful PAT kick by Brown, the Eagles led at halftime, 23-12.

After the halftime break, Washington kept the pressure on with a pick-six interception that covered 50 yards, and the Terrier’s Dimas Zepeda-Montoto ran the PAT in narrowing the Eagle lead, 23-19. Harbick scored on a 40-yard pass reception with 7:33 left in the 3rd quarter, and Brown kicked the 2-point conversion to push the Eagle lead to 31-19. Having an exceptional night on both sides of the ball, Brown capped a 77-yard interception with a touchdown, and teammate Jacob Peek added the extra point with an untouched run into the end zone. The score at the end of three-quarters of play was McKenzie 38 and Washington School for the Deaf 19. The fourth quarter was all Eagles, led by Ayton Munoz-Brown. Brown scored on a 64 yard open field run (PAT failed), and then returned a Terrier punt 77 yards for the Eagle’s final touchdown of the game. Eagle quarterback Hayden Kumle ran in the PAT score, and McKenzie found itself on the upside with a 51-19 victory. The win was the second of the 2024 season for McKenzie, which sits currently at 1-3 in Special District 2 League standings and 2-4 overall. Two SD-2 League games remain on the Regular Season schedule. Gilchrist is next up and the Grizzlies (2-3, 2-4) cross over the Cascades this Friday as the Highlight event of the Eagle Homecoming activities. The following week, McKenzie travels to a winless but dangerous Elks team (0-4, 0-6) still looking for its first win of the season.

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New homes arriving at Lazy Days



The arrival of new modular homes at Lazy Days Park is becoming an ongoing sight. By Tuesday, four had already been delivered, and more were coming. The remaining ten homes are scheduled for delivery in November.

Over the next month, homes will be transported from on-site temporary placements to permanent foundations. Transport on-site will result in short highway closures, with the Oregon Department of Transportation responsible for the logistics and communications of all highway-related impacts.

Launch lands car in lake



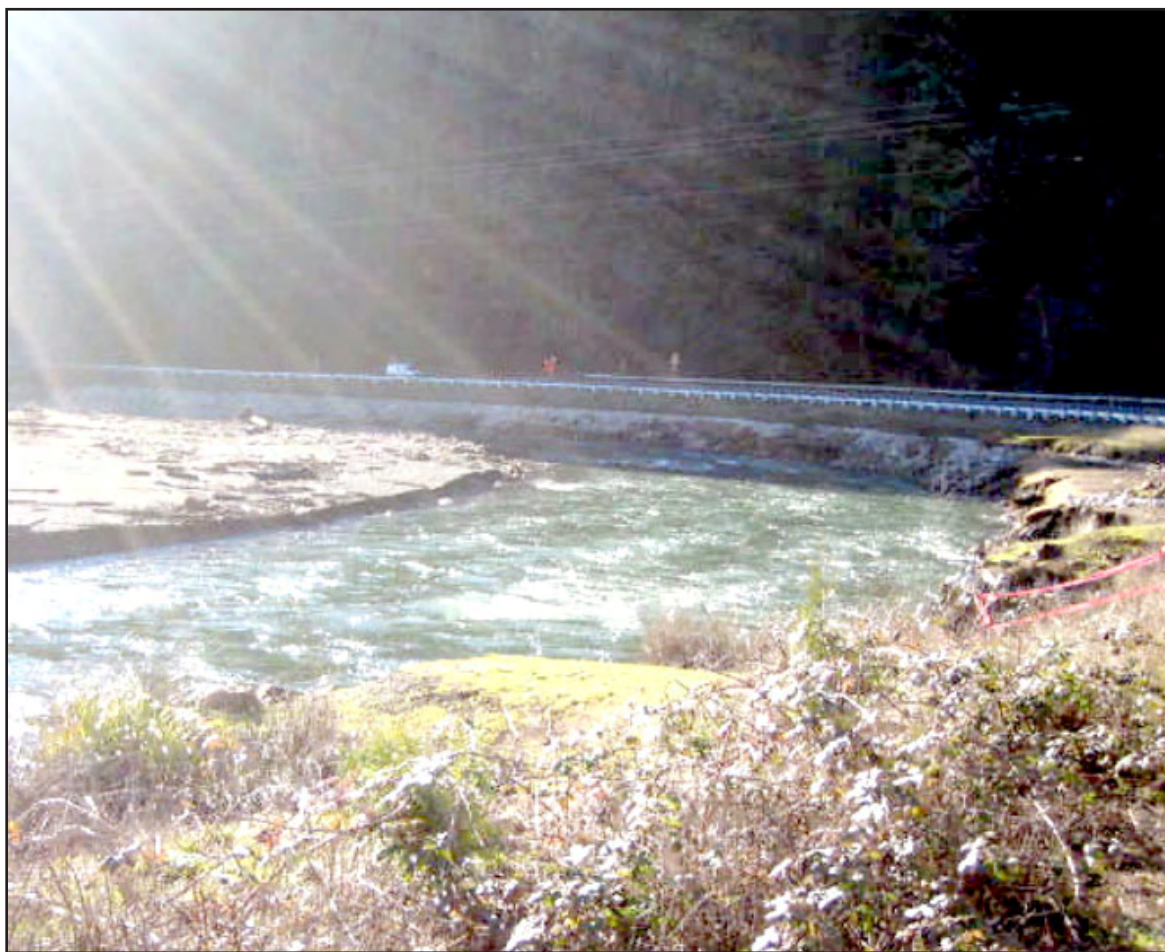
On Saturday, October 12th, around 1:30 p.m., McKenzie Fire & Rescue crews were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident at McKenzie Highway and Leaburg Dam Road. They arrived to find a single vehicle submerged in Leaburg Lake, approximately 20 yards off the shoreline.

The single occupant was able to get to shore safely and declined medical assistance.

Crews remained on scene until Lane County Sheriff's Office deputies arrived.

EWEB's door

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When drained in 2014, mudflats at the bottom of Leaburg Lake were exposed.

Commissioner Heather Buch. "Not many people know what the impact will be on the county," she said.

"What I'm concerned about is that when the dam is removed, who are they going to ask to maintain the new bridge," Buch added. "And who will maintain the roads to the bridge? And who are they going to ask to come

out and rescue people after those decisions have been made?" The answers, she said, "are going to be the county."

Buch said those types of unresolved issues have caused her to become involved in the process "to make sure life and safety is taken into consideration. Also," she added, "what are the ongoing costs going to be to county

residents?"

Oregon District 12 State Representative Charlie Conrad offered a helping hand. He said he was impressed with a petition, Neighbors For Neighbors, in circulation that calls for a new review of the process that led to the utility's decision to remove Leaburg Dam and other infrastructure. "It simply asks the

question—just look at it again," he said.

He encouraged people to "come to the state reps, county commissioners, and senators. There are a lot of ears that would be willing to listen to what you have to say, but it's got to be something that we can take action on."

He also recommended getting Oregon's federal delegation (U.S. Senators and Congressmen) involved to attract the attention of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Regarding getting the state involved, Conrad said there are ongoing discussions around wildfires and emergency evacuations, "this is the time to do it. Perhaps getting some money directly dedicated from the legislature for an independent study," he added.

Conrad also suggested keeping an eye on what challenges the

City of Lowell has been dealing with related to the drawdown of the Lookout Dam and the status of a parallel bridge constructed next to the Lowell Covered Bridge.

Joe LeFleur suggested another avenue for research. He told the group he'd been in contact with an investment group interested "in buying the whole (Leaburg) project, restoring our fish hatchery, and keeping the power canal going."

"That," LeFleur said, "would save hundreds of millions of dollars to remove that stuff, but EWEB won't meet with them."

"Our plan, if we get enough signatures," he said, "is to go and beat on the doors of anyone."

So far, Weeks said he's had some positive contacts with the Oregon Dept. of Energy after asking them to envision "thousands of emergency generators versus having one power station working" during an emergency."

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Fatal wreck

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the Toyota.

A passenger in the Toyota, Kurt Allen Hellmich (71) of Arcata (CA), was declared deceased at the scene.

The operator of the Toyota reported minor injuries. Another passenger in the vehicle, Lynn Evers (76) of Arcata, suffered serious injuries and was transported to an area hospital.

The traffic highway was impacted for approximately five hours during the on-scene investigation. Congestion continued to cause delays. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

OSP was assisted by the McKenzie Fire District, the Lane County Sheriff's Office, and the Oregon Dept. of Transportation.

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