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After the fires: Making way for tomorrow's healthy forests

About 360,000 acres of private forestlands were among the million acres that burned in Oregon during the Labor Day wildfires. Over the next year or so, Oregonians can expect to continue to see trucks carrying scorched timber off private forestlands and bringing tree seedlings and planting crews onto them.

Assessments show the wind-driven fires burned unevenly across the landscape. Some stands were completely incinerated, leaving no merchantable wood. In other places, trunks were scorched but the trees still hold some value. Repairing access roads, falling hazard trees, and replanting are expensive costs to landowners. And while post-fire logging captures some remaining timber value on burned lands, the majority of acres burned had not grown trees large enough to go to a mill or produce revenue for landowners.

"Sadly, the Labor Day fires of 2020 laid waste to far too many acres of beautiful and productive forestland that Oregonians prize," said Mark Kincaid, Vice President of Timber Resources for the

family-owned Lone Rock Timber based in Roseburg. "Now that the smoke has cleared, an urgent and robust recovery effort is needed to remove dead trees, which are fuel for future fires, and replant the future generation of forest."

Jim Dudley is Vice President of Resources for the Swanson Group, a forest products company based in Douglas County. The county was hit hard in September by the Archie Creek Fire, which burned 131,596 acres.

Dudley said, "Time is of the essence when it comes to post-fire harvest and recovery. After the heat and flames of a fire, it only takes a few weeks for insects to make their way in and break down trees and other organic matter that hold our forest soils in place and filter our water. By harvesting quickly, we maximize the value of our forest resource, which also helps offset the costs of critical reforestation efforts necessary to restore our forests to healthy, thriving lands that protect soil and water quality."

"In the end," Dudley added, "all of the trees harvested from these

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Timberland owners are removing trees burned in the Labor Day wildfires before decay robs them of commercial value. Felling dead and dying trees also clears the way for replanting and reforesting burned sites.

Preparedness program is back EWEB relaunches emergency group

The Eugene Water & Electric Board has relaunched its emergency preparedness group for 2021.

The 12-month Pledge to Prepare program encourages people to be thinking about stocking up or replenishing household emergency supplies. It's timed in anticipation of winter storms or other disasters that could disrupt electricity and other public services.

EWEB first introduced the program in 2019, and more than 2,300 people have taken the Pledge so far. Officials say the utility is look-

ing forward to helping more customers get ready in 2021.

There's always the possibility that a severe storm or other natural disaster could affect us here in the Pacific Northwest. The Oregon Office of Emergency Management encourages residents to be prepared to be on their own for a minimum of two weeks following a disaster. That means storing 14 days of water, food, medicine and other supplies. That may feel like a daunting task, but EWEB

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Covered bridge hit from the inside



LCPW

Lane County is working with DOWL engineers to create a repair plan for the Goodpasture Covered Bridge. According to Sheriff's Office reports, the damage happened around 5 p.m. on January 19th when a log truck hit the inside of the bridge.

The truck's driver reported the accident and got a quick response from the county's Bridge and Special Projects Crew, that was nearby working on guardrail

replacement, as well as the McKenzie District sergeant and a District deputy.

The driver said he wasn't aware the load on his truck had caused damage to the bridge and has been cooperative with deputies.

The impact's result was mostly cosmetic but a diagonal support was hit too. The bridge is open to traffic and didn't require a change in the load rating.

Officials say it's too early in the

planning process to determine repair costs but they're working with the trucking company's insurance company to pay for repairs. The work likely involve creating a custom plate to go over the damaged diagonal support and will be done by a Lane County Public Works crew. Repairs are expected to happen within the next six to eight weeks and shouldn't cause major delays, probably 15 minutes or less, officials said.

LTD restarts McKenzie River bus service Transit district's "modified" Route 91 run has returned

Lane Transit bus service that was suspended in September due to the Holiday Farm Fire is running again. LTD reinstated modified daily bus service along the McKenzie River's Route 91 last Sunday, January 24th.

"We are pleased to support McKenzie River residents with bus service during this important time for community recovery and transition," said Aurora Jackson, LTD's general manager. "Our

team has been working with state, county, and local officials to bring service back as soon as Highway 126 was safe for bus travel and passenger access to the bus stops along the route."

LTD says passengers need to be aware of Route 91 service modifications from the pre-Holiday Farm Fire Schedule, including:

Departing from the Eugene Station, Monday through Friday at 7:20 a.m., 2:20 p.m., and 5:35

p.m. and will leaving the McKenzie River Ranger Station at 8:51 a.m., 3:58 p.m., and 7:21 p.m.

Saturday and Sundays service leaves the Eugene Station on at 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and will the McKenzie Ranger Station at 9:59 a.m. and 6:01 p.m.

The 91 will not serve Blue River Drive or McKenzie River Drive.

LTD is not charging passenger fares on the 91 Route until April 1st, but beginning on February 1st, Route 91 passengers will need to pay fares to transfer from the 91 to other LTD bus routes.

"Bus operators will pick up and drop off passengers only at the designated bus stops along the highway," said Cosette Rees, LTD's Director of Customer and Specialized Services. "Passengers should not try to flag down the bus between bus stops for pick up, so it is important for passengers to plan and to be extra careful walking to and from the bus stops along Highway 126."

For more details about Route 91 service, contact LTD Customer Service at 541-682-5555 or visit LTD.org.



Randy Neals

Letters to the Editor

Charter is back

I'm reaching out to let you know that Spectrum recently completed repairing all damage to our network caused by the fire. I know other providers are still working on their repairs, but Spectrum internet, TV and phone services are now available to our customers throughout the area. This was obviously a long process that meant working in conjunction with the power company to rebuild more than 30 miles of our network from roughly Vida to McKenzie Bridge.

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Charter Communications

COVID-19 relief in rural America

In late December, Congress passed the Emergency Coronavirus Relief Act of 2020. A lot has happened in the time since, but we believe this legislation deserves a second look. As a joint COVID-19 relief and fiscal year 2021 appropriations bill, funded at \$2.3 trillion, this act has strong implications in rural America.

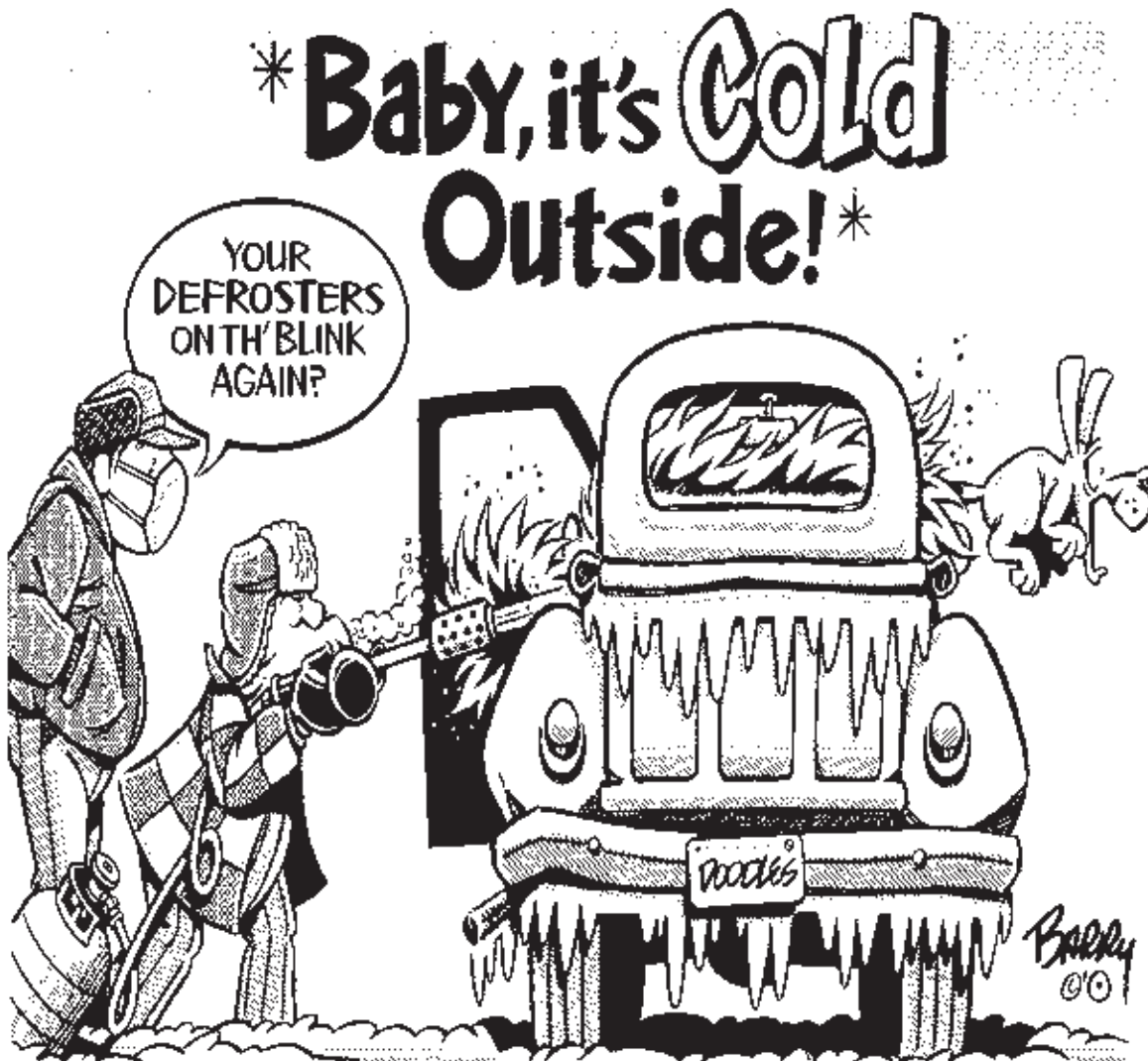
Within the spending package, several U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs advocated for by the Center for Rural

Affairs were included and funded at requested levels.

The Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, which serves as the lifeline for small rural businesses, received \$6 million in grant and loan funds. Rural entrepreneurs in 45 states across the country have accessed the technical and financial assistance this program provides.

Also included in the package was \$19.4 million for the Local Agriculture Market Program, which includes two subprograms used across rural America to process and sell local foods. Importantly, local meat processors are eligible for this program and may utilize these funds to expand their operation. This \$2 million increase in funds comes at a vital time as small meat processors face a backlog accelerated by the pandemic.

Other programs included in the package were Conservation Technical Assistance, which received \$734.26 million for working lands conservation in every county across the nation, and the Farming Opportunity Training and Outreach program, which received \$5 million in discretionary funds, split evenly between two sub-programs that strengthen USDA's assistance to underserved farmers,



including veteran, beginning, and tribal farmers.

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says its program can help make the process more manageable.

When people sign up, they'll receive a monthly email with step-by-step recommendations that will to help them get two-weeks ready by year-end. The idea is to start small with a basic three-day kit, and then build it up slowly over time.

To help people stay motivated and engaged in building up sup-

plies through the year, EWEB will be raffling off useful emergency preparedness supplies like water storage containers, solar chargers and first aid kits. There will be a new drawing every month.

To join the Pledge to Prepare and get started on a two-week emergency kit, visit eweb.org/pledge. Anyone can join, but they must be an EWEB customer to participate in the monthly prize drawings.

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fires will be milled into essential building products by local manufacturing facilities that we can use to rebuild our communities."

The effort to clear burned stands falls to Oregon's loggers, many of whom lost both expensive logging equipment and timber they had cut but not yet removed. Rex Storm is a certified forester and the executive vice president of Associated Oregon Loggers, which represents over 1,000 companies. "This has been a tough year on loggers, with logging shutdowns in March and April due to COVID-19 and again during the wildfires, when many loggers were actively helping fight fires by loaning heavy equipment," said Storm.

"Some older loggers are retiring rather than try to replace lost equipment, but others are already back working to quicken the green-up of the forests by doing restoration logging," said Storm. "A standing dead tree is not only a hazard for people working or recreating in forests, it's not going to capture any more carbon or provide any of the other benefits we get from trees."

Dylan Kruse is Director of Government Affairs and Program Strategy for the Oregon-based non-profit Sustainability Northwest. Kruse said, "As post-fire logging operations commence, Sustainable Northwest supports transparency and clear communication from landowners and strict oversight and regulatory review

from the Oregon Department of Forestry. Staff resources and additional technical assistance should prioritize avoided conversion of working forests, support the needs of family forest landowners, and protect and enhance drinking watersheds and critical fish and wildlife habitat."

Because post-fire harvesting is fairly time-bound, ODF has been shifting stewardship foresters throughout the state to provide capacity to districts that are experiencing heavier workloads in the wake of the Labor Day wildfires, including an increase in notifications for post-fire harvesting. According to Kyle Abraham, Chief of ODF's Private Forest Division, they have also brought in technical specialists from other state agencies to lend their expertise and provide additional support to the notification review process. For the next several months, a habitat protection biologist from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and a water quality specialist from the Department of Environment Quality will be working alongside ODF's stewardship foresters on these massive review workloads. Reallocating and adding resources will help ensure state

laws and rules on natural resource protections are being followed while providing landowners with timely approvals and assistance, if needed.

Abraham says Oregon's Forest Practices Act has provisions for logging after wildfire. "Operators are required under the FPA to protect forest soils, water quality, and habitat for fish and threatened and endangered species. There is also a recognition that large, burned-over stands can be removed to re-establish the environmental benefits of a healthy tree canopy faster."

Today's post-fire harvest reminds Lone Rock's Kincaid of efforts after the massive Tillamook Burns of the 1930s and 1940s. "One need only look to the Tillamook State Forest and remember the devastating fires there 80 years ago to see the value of a robust recovery effort that restored healthy watersheds, recreation, and local communities," he said. "While the blackened skeletons of millions of trees may be today's challenge, our actions today matter - they will allow my children and future generations to once again enjoy a healthy, productive forest landscape."

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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
1/19	52	39	0	1,740 cfs	1/19	49	29	0	6,670 cfs
1/20	50	33	0	1,200 cfs	1/20	55	30	0	6,240 cfs
1/21	54	41	0	1,210 cfs	1/21	51	29	0	5,940 cfs
1/22	51	36	0	1,200 cfs	1/22	57	29	0	5,716 cfs
1/23	52	34	0	1,180 cfs	1/23	NA			
1/24	40	38	0.27	1,070 cfs	1/24	NA			
1/25	46	37	0.17	780 cfs	1/25	NA			

Friday 1/29		Saturday 1/30		Sunday 1/31	
McKenzie Valley PM Showers 45% chance precip High: 48 Low: 39	Santiam Pass PM Snow Showers 30% chance precip High: 32 Low: 25	McKenzie Valley Showers 60% chance precip High: 48 Low: 40	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 60% chance precip High: 35 Low: 26	McKenzie Valley Rain 75% chance precip High: 45 Low: 38	Santiam Pass Snow 70% chance precip High: 36 Low: 25

Sheriff's Report

Jan. 19: 10:28 a.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 40700 block, Potter Creek Ln.

12:48 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 45200 blk, Goodpasture Rd.

2:31 p.m: Theft - 45300 blk, McK. Hwy. Report of a theft from fire impacted property.

4:38 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 45300 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:02 p.m: Hit & Run - 45200 blk, Goodpasture Rd. Report that the Goodpasture Bridge appears to have been hit by a vehicle, possibly a semi-truck, and caused significant damage.

5:56 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Milepost 22.

6:09 p.m: Driving While Suspended - McK. Hwy. Mp. 22.

6:50 p.m: Incomplete 911 call - 90700 blk, Fish Hatchery Rd.

9:23 p.m: Disabled Vehicle - Hwy. 126, Mp. 45.

Jan. 20: 12:50 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy. Report of someone driving by and the sound of something

like a bottle being thrown.

3:36 a.m: Injured Animal - 37700 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.

11:48 a.m: Theft - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

12:28 p.m: Citizen Contact - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:15 p.m: Reckless Driving - Hwy. 126, Mp. 48. Report of a dark gray or black Lexus swerving into oncoming traffic.

3:31 p.m: Found Animal - 88300 blk, WALTERVILLE Lp.

4:25 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

5:51 p.m: Illegal Burn - 51400 blk, Blue River Dr.

6:10 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 41300 blk, McK. Hwy. Report of someone on private property without permission yelling at the residents. Deputies responded and made contact with the involved and confirmed the dispute was verbal and worked with the involved to resolve the situation.

9:07 p.m: Driving While Suspended - 48000 blk, McK. Hwy.

9:24 p.m: Dead Animal - Hwy. 126, Mp. 40.

8:58 p.m: Disorderly Subject - Hwy. 126 Mp. 24.

Jan. 21: 2:53 a.m: Incomplete

911 Call - 90700 blk, Fish Hatchery Rd.

10:35 a.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 38300 blk, Wendling Rd.

11:08 a.m: Truck Inspection - Eagle Rock Dr. & Eagle Rock Pl.

2:20 p.m: Welfare Check - 88000 blk, Running Spring Dr.

5:49 p.m: Weapon, Shots Fired - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

Jan. 22: 11:00 a.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - 90700 blk, Marcola Rd.

11:17 a.m: Citizen Contact - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

11:22 a.m: Vandalism, Criminal Mischief - 47800 blk, McK. Hwy.

11:58 a.m: Assist Outside Agency - Marcola Rd. Mp. .04.

2:02 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd.

2:17 p.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - Lat: 44.141394 Long: -122.609090.

3:12 p.m: Reckless Driving - McK. Hwy. Mp. 19.

3:54 p.m: Welfare Check - 94800 blk, Kelso Ln.

4:26 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 43600 blk, McK. Hwy. Report of receiving a letter with threatening the recipient if they didn't donate money to a listed organization.

Jan. 23: 8:35 a.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 90700 blk, Fish Hatchery Rd.

9:04 a.m: Suspicious Conditions

- 55300 blk, McK. River Dr.

12:14 p.m: Theft - 90700 blk, Marcola Rd.

4:32 p.m: Theft - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

4:42 p.m: Reckless Driving - Hwy. 126, Mp. 46.

5:42 p.m: Illegal Fireworks - 91500 blk, Horse Creek Rd.

6:46 p.m: Reckless Driving - Deerhorn Rd. & McK. Hwy.

6:53 p.m: Theft - 91100 blk, Donna Rd.

8:45 p.m: Weapon, Shots Fired - Terwilliger Hot Springs. 56400

Jan. 24: 10:17 a.m: Criminal Trespass - 56400 blk, N. Bank Rd. Report of someone coming into the home without permission.

2:56 p.m: Assist Oregon State Police - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:48 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd.

4:04 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 45300 blk, McK. Hwy.

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

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Jan. 18: 7800 block, S. A St. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

20:29: 88000 blk, Twin Firs Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

Jan. 19: 04:50: 39000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

16:53: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist Only.

Jan. 21: 01:11: 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Fire, Structure. Investigate, Electrical problem only.

15:20: 88000 blk, Running Spring Drive Assist Police. Staged and disregarded by LCSO.

Jan. 22: 14:34: 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Jan. 23: 12:33: 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

12:46: 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Tree Fire. Fire out prior to arrival. McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly virtual board of directors meeting on Monday; February 15th.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

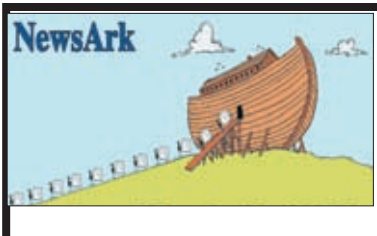
Jan. 20: 17:19: Illegal Burn - 51000 block, Blue River Dr. 3 large burn piles unattended.

Jan 23: 12:42: Brush Fire - 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. Single tree on fire - approx. 150 ft. up the ridge.

Jan. 24: 14:36: Motor Vehicle Accident - Milepost 11, Clear Lake Cutoff. SUV rolled over.

Jan. 25: 07:45: MVA - Mp. 6, Clear Lake Cutoff. Vehicle flipped on it's top.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 17th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.



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"Oregon's Outback" was prime source for illicit bathtub liquor

By Finn J.D. John

In the pre-dawn hours of Monday, March 8, 1926, a massive explosion suddenly shattered the stillness of a quiet residential street in Bend. Windows shattered. Residents leaped out of bed.

Dawn soon broke on a chaotic scene. An apartment house had been torn apart, and half of it lay in ruins. No one was killed, but in the heavily-damaged house next door, a neighbor had been injured by being buried under debris as she slept.

Investigators soon figured out what had happened: Someone had tucked a big charge of dynamite under the apartment-house porch. And a motive for the crime wasn't long in presenting itself — the targeted apartment building was occupied by two Oregon Prohibition Commission officers, A.F. "Buck" Mariott and C.C. McBride.

McBride had been involved in a shooting the previous month, and had killed a bootlegger named Vale Taylor, up in Crook County near Prineville. Taylor's associates now apparently wanted revenge.

And it's possible that they were onto something. As a prohibition officer, McBride was clearly either uncommonly unlucky or unsettlingly trigger-happy. Two and a half months after this attempt on his life, he was back in the papers again; this time, he'd gunned down a moonshiner in a raid near Woodburn. According to his report, the outlaw, a man named John Kaboris, during the liquor raid, charged McBride, firing as he came. McBride shot him dead, and wounded one of the other bootleggers as well.

A reward of \$750 was offered



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Sheriff Matt Starwich of King County, Wash., center, poses with two of his men in a room full of moonshining equipment around 1925. This room was likely in Seattle.

for the dynamiters, but the episode remained a mystery to this day.

Oregon under Prohibition Thanks to Oregon governor Oswald West, the state of Oregon had an unfair advantage when the Volstead Act went into effect, officially launching Prohibition.

You see, Oregon had already implemented something that you could think of as "Prohibition Lite," years before, in 1916.

So when Prohibition became the law of the land, Oregon's illicit liquor industry was already up and running. The speakeasies, the smuggling routes, the hidden-away stills — all of it was ready to go. For Oregon bootleggers, after 1919 the stakes were higher if you got caught — but otherwise, it was business as usual.

There were a few ways of getting liquor into the state; folks who wanted to drink something with

a recognizable label, something perhaps that had been aged in small oak casks or otherwise rendered tolerable, did business with the Canadians, who slipped bottles of rum and Scotch ashore under cover of darkness on board sailing ships.

But for those who weren't quite so picky, Oregon was awash in white lightning. And in the late 1920s, when a speakeasy patron raised a glass of that rough-and-ready bathtub booze, he or she was probably looking at a product of Central or Eastern Oregon.

"The Outback": Oregon's liquor cabinet

"During Prohibition, the Oregon Outback became the principal (source) of bootleg whiskey on the West Coast," Prineville historian David Braly writes. "At a certain late hour of the night, the sky around Prineville would suddenly light up because of hundreds of stills being fired at the same time."

The fact is, Eastern Oregon is large, lonely and quiet. In the 1920s, it was also full of high-desert dry-land homesteaders who were hanging on by their fingernails, trying to eke a living out of 320 acres of land that barely had enough forage for a cow or two. For any of these folks lucky enough to have a creek on the claim, Prohibition came just in time. A two-dollar investment in sugar and yeast could pay the bills for a couple months.

Local sheriffs and their deputies tried to enforce the law, because that's what good cops do. The problem was, Eastern Oregon was one of those places in which most folks knew the sheriff. You couldn't exactly go undercover. And since everybody knew everybody, when a couple state revenue agents came into the area, the word traveled faster than they could.

Some Eastern Oregon bootleggers did get caught, of course. Braly recounts one case in which state revenue officers busted a group of men working a still on the Metolius River. Before hauling them off to jail, the revenuers had to help the bootleggers round up their sheep.

Plenty of stills got found and destroyed during Prohibition. But plenty more remained, faithfully pumping out liquor, until 1933 when the 21st Amendment repealed Prohibition and made them unnecessary. Hundreds of them were simply abandoned in knocked-up shacks deep in the canyons and juniper thickets; from time to time, someone still stumbles across one.

(Sources: Braly, David. *Tales from the Oregon Outback*. Prineville: American Media, 1978; *Portland Oregonian*, 3-09-1926, 3-10-1926 and 6-13-1926; *Oregon State Archives*, <http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/50th/prohibition1/prohibitro.html>)

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By Slim Randles

"Windy, my man," said Doc, "how are you and the widow getting along?"

"She's been sorta creepitatin' up on my blind side, Doc," Windy said.

"Which side is that, Windy?"

"Very humorous, Dud. Ha. Ha."

We had all been watching, as closely as we could, the relationship between Windy Wilson, bachelor, camp cook, cowboy, and teller of tales ... and Mamie Dilworth, aging hippie chick, starrer at crystals, vegetarian, widow.

We all knew, those of us who lived vicariously alongside the perimeter of their friendship, that if it could've been filmed, it'd be on television longer than The Flying Nun.

"Doc," said Windy, "ol' Mame the Dame is a awful nice lady, sure 'nuf. I have considerationed maybe takin' our friendship to the next level."

"What level is that?"

"Steve, that would be puttin' one of my patented power sneaks on 'er and holdin' hands."

"Be careful you don't rush these things, Windy. You've only known each other a couple of years now."

"I'll be careful, Doc, don't you worry none. Why, we almost got to that there hand-holdin' when we capper-sized that stock tank boat of mine in the creek. Had to pull 'er out. Weren't no grateful smooch, howsoever."

"So why ramp it up now?"

"Valentine's Day, Steve! Comin' up, ain't it. Yessir, afore long there's gonna be young lovers squarin' off and smoochin' and darin' the world to stop 'em from cuddlin.' I really take to Valentine's Day."

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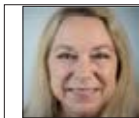
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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Learn the terms on seed packets to make selection

Beautiful seed catalogs hit mailboxes every January, tempting gardeners with full-color photos and glowing descriptions. Before you buy, though, read those enticing seed packets.

Nichole Sanchez, Oregon State University Extension Service horticulturist, tells gardeners to plan before choosing seed. It's so easy to go overboard. Of course, if you do there's always someone happy to take them off your hands.

Understanding terms associated with seeds will help you pinpoint which selections best serve specific gardens and practices. Sanchez teaches gardeners terms they'll see on seed packets and other gardening resources.

"Take squash for instance," Sanchez said. "There are varieties that stay small (for patios and containers) and those that ramble. Vining types might be suitable for creating shade for weed control and moisture retention. For those interested in seed saving, not all vegetable seed is equally reliable. Much depends on the origin of the saved seed."

Sanchez taught the first session in a series of webinars called Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series, which is free and open to the public. Live webinars are held each month with the next coming up Feb. 9 on Multifunctional Hedgerows. Classes, which are recorded, are geared to gardeners with some experience.

Sanchez shares the terms she taught in her session on Understanding Seed Characteristics (click on the class name and scroll down to see the recording):

Cultivar. This horticultural contraction means "cultivated variety," and could represent a plant that is hybrid, heirloom, organic, pelleted, or have any other number of descriptors. The term designates a variety with specific, identifiable, consistent and reliable traits.

We know that 'Merlot' and 'Two Star' are both loose-leaf lettuces, but 'Merlot' has deep red, mildly frilly leaves and downy mildew resistance. 'Two Star' has bright green, super frilly leaves, makes a much larger plant and has no listed disease resistance.

Heirloom. This term and "open-pollinated" (below) are often used hand in hand, and include the seeds best suited to saving. Heirloom cultivars are just older - 50 or 100 years old (sources differ). Heirloom seeds are often associated with a specific geographic region where they perform especially well, or are cherished. An example is the yellow cabbage collards of the Carolinas. They are preferred by collard connoisseurs for thinner, finer leaves than other collards; seeds for yellow collards are always in short supply.

Open pollinated. Seeds with this designation perform true to type through pollination. True to type means the fruit from the saved seeds - second, third generation and so on - will have the same characteristics as the original seed. Open-pollinated seeds are the best choice for those interested in seed saving. Many open-pollinated seeds are also heirlooms, but not all.

Hybrid. The majority of vegetable seeds available to the home grower are hybrids, which is not equivalent to GMO. Through breeding methods, traits from dif-

ferent varieties are combined. This is how cultivars are developed with specific characteristics for size, color and disease resistance. Hybrids are often high yielders, and confer benefits to the gardener, but they are not reliable for seed saving. Because they are the result of a cross between two parent plants, seeds from the fruit of a hybrid plant contain a mix of genetic traits. Sometimes, the seeds don't sprout at all, or don't progress past the seedling stage. Others may produce fruit, but it will look or taste different than expected. Hybrids are not suggested for seed saving.

Resistance. Resistance and tolerance to plant diseases are tools gardeners use to combat disease with minimal chemical inputs. Finding seeds with disease resistance is especially helpful if a particular disease has surfaced in the garden multiple times, or for any disease that is carried in soil. Not every cultivar has disease resistance, and some are resistance to multiple diseases. Most seed catalogs and websites have charts for each vegetable type that list relevant diseases and the abbreviations to look for in the plant descriptions. For example, seed descriptions with "BLS" at the end would be resistant to bacterial leaf spot, a disease that occurs in numerous vegetables.

Increased interest in vegetable gardening last year has resulted in limited numbers of some seed types for home gardeners this year, Sanchez said. Early planting is not encouraged, but early ordering might be worthwhile, if possible.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



WINTER WEATHER, COOKING WEATHER

A friend recently mentioned making homemade doughnuts for her family and the delicious aromas that permeated her kitchen. This reminded me of Mother's cooking in the farmhouse kitchen.

Cold, snowy weather - blizzard weather - snow shoveling times always meant delicious aromas in the kitchen when we came inside from snow clearing tasks and sledding get-togethers. Mother usually had something simmering on the kitchen wood burning cook stove, whether it was simply the usual meal or special treats. She often made doughnuts, too.

I recall a day when our daughter and family lived us. Beth and I both were home (unusual given our work schedules) and did some cooking between writing and quilting. The aroma of pizza bread, blueberry bread (made from homemade muffin mix I'd received as a Christmas gift), and homemade soup filled our kitchen and reminded me of winter cooking on the farm when I was growing up.

Favorite Winter Recipes

Do you have favorite winter recipes? These will vary depending on the part of the country, or the world, where you live.

- * In northern climates, they often are hearty fare - soups, stews, slow cooker meals.

- * The southern, warmer weather favors salads, chilled soups, and even barbecues.

- * Somewhere in between, we find a mix of the two.

- * Busy folks, coordinating work, cooking, and family may rely upon prepared or from freezer to microwave to table fare.

Soup Pot Stock

The question, "Do we throw these peas out?" when a family

member was sorting through the refrigerator reminded me I needed to get my leftovers pot started again for making soups and stews. A friend once told me she had a container in her freezer. Into this went any leftover vegetables and meat, even if it were a spoonful or two.

Then when the container was getting full, it was time to make a winter soup. She also saved meat stock, gravies to add to the mix. What may be considered economical use of our food, particularly leftovers, also can result in tasty meals.

Hamburger Rolls for Variation

Hamburger Rolls - Mix a package of packaged stuffing as directed on the package. Stir together, one pound lean ground beef, 1 tablespoon catsup, 1 tablespoon mustard, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, pinch of onion salt, sprinkling of salt and pepper.

Shape this mixture into 6 fairly large patties. Add some stuffing in the middle of the patties. Fold over and seal the edges. Place in a casserole or baking dish. Pour 1 can golden mushroom soup mixed with 1/2 cup evaporated milk or regular milk over the roll-ups. (Use low fat, low sodium soup if desired.)

Put any extra stuffing into a buttered casserole dish and bake until heated through and top is crisp.

Bake in a 350 degree oven for 45 minutes.

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Community Notes

Debris dump over

Strube Flats, below Cougar Reservoir, is no longer accepting organic yard debris from McKenzie River residents for disposal. This service was temporary in nature and was set up to benefit community cleanup efforts after the Holiday Farm Fire.

"Free organic debris disposal was a service to the community that was a small cost to residents and partners with a big benefit to those affected by the fire," said McKenzie River District Ranger Darren Cross. "We are starting the process of chipping the debris and staging additional danger trees from the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) phase two cleanup of Highway 126."

The Strube Flats area has multiple piles and large log decks. Large log volumes are anticipated to arrive and depart daily with a lot of heavy equipment traffic. People are asked to avoid the 1900-410 Road and the Strube Flats area.

Little Eagles is reconnecting

The Littlest Eagles' early childhood family meet-up will be Zooming from 10-10:30 a.m. each Wednesday. The sessions will include a half hour of games, verses and songs, sharing and dancing. This is geared towards families from the McKenzie community with children under 6 years old, though everyone is invited. If you know a child would feel supported by seeing you "there," please come. People are welcome to jump on or off according to their family's needs. Zoom Link: shorturl.at/gxhFH

McKenzie Schools future plans

For more than a year, the McKenzie School district has been working to assess and identify campus needs through inspections, assessments as well as community input. After the fire, the

needs of the community may have changed.

Over the next two months, virtual public meetings will be held to prioritize needs for the campus and listen for ideas that have not yet been identified.

If a bond was to pass in an upcoming election, the district wants to make sure it is making the most of taxpayer dollars as well as available Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching grant funds. Public input will help focus those efforts.

The first of three virtual zoom meetings was held at 6 p.m. on January 19th. The other two are set for February 1st and February 15th, same time.

Families can check their email for the link or go to the school website.

Relief Center has changed

The Relief Center at McKenzie High School has combined with the Rainbow Relief Center.

Hoodoo on schedule

The Hoodoo Ski Area is now operating on its regular season schedule: Wednesday through Sunday. The hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m.

MEF Wildfire Relief Fund

The McKenzie Education Foundation (MEF) is a small non-profit group dedicated to inspiring learning and enhancing educational opportunities in the McKenzie School District #68, and the McKenzie Community School. This District includes about 40 miles of the McKenzie River corridor. Recently the group has received generous donations to assist students and families whose lives have been disrupted by the Holiday Farm Wildfire. If you are the parent or guardian of a student who is currently enrolled in the

McKenzie School, you can apply for up to \$200 to support the student's learning.

To apply, send your name, phone number, the name of the student(s) who are enrolled, a few sentences about how you will use the money, and the amount you need to mckedfound@gmail.com. If you want to fill out a form, it is available at the Administration Office of the school, and at www.mckedfound.org/mef-wildfire-fund.html. Applications will be looked at on the 28th and 15th of the month. Additional funds may be available in the future.

The Holiday Farm Wildfire destroyed almost one-third of the homes in the School District,

changing everything about how students in these homes live and learn. Many are still in temporary lodging in the Eugene/Springfield area. The wildfire also destroyed miles internet and phone infrastructure, cutting connection for the families whose homes did not burn, and making online learning extremely difficult.

The MEF Wildfire Relief Fund is intended to help students and teachers return to as normal an educational situation as can be; support families and children who have been displaced by the wildfires; help families and children whose livelihoods, health, education, and housing are at risk.

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Donations are still being accepted at MEF, PO Box 274, Blue River, OR 97413 or online at www.mckedfound.org.

If you like the mission of MEF and want to learn more, please contact them at mckedfound@gmail.com

Post-Fire erosion control recommendations and assistance



With over 25 miles of the McKenzie watershed burned, restoring the edge of the river is vital for watershed recovery. As precipitation hits bare ground in burned areas it will pick up soil, ash, and debris and begin moving it downhill. Implementing erosion control measures will help to protect your property and is one of the most effective ways to prevent soil, hazardous waste, and toxic chemicals from washing into the river or stream, impacting the overall health of the river.

Short-term and long-term erosion control methods range from mulching bare areas, to sowing native seed, installing sediment fences, wattles, erosion control blankets and replanting with native trees and shrubs. To avoid introducing invasive plant species, we recommend the use of native seed in the revegetation process of sensitive areas such as riparian areas. The right solution will depend on the site conditions, including the burn severity and steepness of slope.

The Pure Water Partners (PWP) program is a local initiative fo-

cused on preserving McKenzie River water quality by partnering with private landowners who live along the river. After the Holiday Farm Fire, the PWP adapted to support landowners by offering free burn assessments. Over 200 landowners have participated. The program is also offering free native tree and shrub replanting in riparian areas for participants.

For more information about the PWP and to sign up, go to www.purewaterpartners.org or visit the

Vida Relief Center (MP 24) Tuesday/Thursday or Saturdays. A PWP partner (EWEB, McKenzie Watershed Council, Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District, or McKenzie River Trust) will contact you to schedule a burn assessment. The PWP website also offers a series of information sheets detailing erosion control practices to help protect your property and our local waterways.



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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

The Deep End

I have been engaged three months. For that entire time I have been absolutely terrified I might be making a mistake. My fiancée and I are in the process of setting a date, and every step forward makes me more and more nervous.

She is a wonderful person and treats me with so much love. She calls me her “dream guy.” She also said, after dating a few months, she was sure I was “the one.”

She is my best friend and I love her very much. We have been caring to each other throughout our three year relationship. We met each other’s families and they approve.

There is only one problem—my physical attraction to her is low. It isn’t that I have a low libido. It isn’t that one of us wants to ‘experiment’ or anything like that. It’s just there isn’t much raw physical attraction. I don’t miss sex with her or look forward to it when she’s not around.

I think she is pretty, and I like hugging her and holding her. I just don’t find her sexy. I try to put this aside by reminding myself she is probably a better person than the other women I’ve met. Although my experience is pretty limited for someone my age, this has not been an issue in any previous relationship.

We are both 35, and she really wants to have kids soon, so I felt pressure to propose and get on with it. I wasn’t sure I really loved her. Because she was so sure and insistent, I kept thinking my doubts would fade away.

I thought maybe getting past the proposal would make me feel better. When I tried a couple of times to tell her my fears, she was understanding (another of her great qualities), but she thinks I have “commitment phobia” and my parents’ divorce made me scared of marriage.

She says everything will be fine once we are married, and I should just relax and enjoy the wedding. Maybe she is right—I can often find fault with myself and get nervous about big decisions.

I always thought I would get married and have kids someday. If I knew this is “as good as it gets,” or knew for sure my expectations are unrealistic, I would happily marry her because she is a good person and I like her.

I just keep having this nagging feeling there might be something more out there for me. I’m scared if I go ahead with the wedding, then a few years down the road I’ll feel frustrated, or worse, be tempted to have an affair.

But I also am afraid if I break things off, she will be absolutely crushed. It will be too late for her to meet someone else in time to have children. Besides, will I ever find someone who is as good a person as her?

I want to make the right decision, the one that will make both of us happiest in the long run. How can I tell whether this is an attack of prewedding nerves, or a sign we should break it off?

Dominic

Dominic, you climbed the ladder to the high dive. You’re nearing the top. Your friends and

family are watching. It would be embarrassing to turn around now, but you are afraid of the water.

Your fiancée is below, blocking your path of escape. You won’t be able to back out without a fight. She will block, parry, and argue with anything that stops the wedding. Worse still, you know it will crush her.

That’s pretty much the story, isn’t it?

What you told us is you love her as a friend, you respect her as a person, and you don’t want to wound her.

Perhaps when you dated, you kept thinking, “It’s not an engagement.” Perhaps when you gave into the engagement, you thought, “It’s not a marriage.” Now you understand the error in that line of reasoning. After the wedding, her problems will be solved, but not yours.

Some might pooh-pooh this and say you are being shallow. But that’s not it. If you were absolutely and completely in love with her, you wouldn’t be speculating about other women.

The real story is how you ended up in an intimate relationship with someone you only see as a friend. The blame may be evenly distributed.

She acts as if the problem is wedding day jitters, your parents’ marital history, or your unrealistic fears. But on your side the issue is deeper. When you see a car you can afford but don’t want to buy, it’s not commitment phobia. You don’t want to buy that car.

Her arguments don’t refute your feelings.

She wants you to close your eyes and take the plunge. We’re afraid there is no water in the pool.

Wayne & Tamara

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American Life in Poetry

This week’s column is by Ladan Osman, who is originally from Somalia but who now lives in Chicago. I like “Tonight” for the way it looks with clear eyes at one of the rough edges of American life, then greets us with a hopeful wave.

Editor’s Note: This column (336) is a reprint from the American Life in Poetry archive as we bid farewell to Ted Kooser, and work to finalize the new website and forthcoming columns curated by Kwame Dawes.

Tonight

Tonight is a drunk man, his dirty shirt.

There is no couple chatting by the recycling bins, offering to help me unload my plastics.

There is not even the black and white cat that balances elegantly on the lip of the dumpster.

There is only the smell of sour breath. Sweat on the collar of my shirt.

A water bottle rolling under a car. Me in my too-small pajama pants stacking juice jugs on neighbors’ juice jugs.

I look to see if there is someone drinking on their balcony.

I tell myself I will wave.

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Seventy-three seconds later, hundreds on the ground, including Christa’s family, stared in disbelief as the shuttle broke up in a forking plume of smoke and fire. Millions more watched the wrenching tragedy unfold on live television. There were no survivors.

Ski Report

January 26, 2021

The Hoodoo Ski Area reported on Tuesday a trace of new snow fell overnight, bringing the base to 50 inches. Temperatures were 17 degrees mid-mountain and 15 at the base with SSW winds at 15 mph. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 1 degree at the base and 10 degrees at mid-mountain on Tuesday. No new snow fell overnight, leaving the snowpack at 69 inches at mid-mountain. Predictions called for falling temperatures with wind chill values as low as -4, along with South winds from 5 to 17 mph and gusts as high as 24 mph. Ten out of 15 lifts were open, along with 116 of the 121 trails. For more information call 541-382-7888.

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Locals helping Locals Resource Fair

Event is coming to McKenzie High School

Do you have concerns about rebuilding your home or business following the devastating Holiday Farm Fire? Are you looking for answers to questions on how to proceed when returning home to reconstruct, such as what requirements, restrictions, permits, or costs are looming? Do you know who to talk with? Do you know who to contact? These pending questions may be answered at the forthcoming Locals Helping Locals Resource Fair coming to McKenzie High School on Friday, February 5 and Saturday, February 6. The two day event will run from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm each day and is free to you. Proper CoVid procedures will be in place to ensure safety for all. The event is sponsored by the McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals organization in cooperation with McKenzie School District. Our hope (McKenzie River Locals Helping

Locals) is to identify the current concerns and needs of our local community folks while offering access to the many public and private resources in our county. There will be 32 plus booths set up for organizations such as Lane Electric, EWEB, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Department of Transportation, East Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch and other Lane County officials and McKenzie School District. Companies representing land surveys, site cleanup (asbestos and Hazmat materials), septic and well issues, architects, electrical including HVAC systems, builders both on site and pre-fab and other aspects of construction will available to you to answer your questions and help you with returning to your properties and rebuilding your homes or businesses. We look forward to safely visiting with you all again.



February Birthdays

Feb. 1st: Zac Smallwood, Jason Buck, Marilyn Janz, Bob Sheldon, Shirley Toy, Robert Raichlin, Sharon Moore, Lynne Campbell, Jean Schmig, James Simpkins, Bill Esser, Jason Racette, Michelle Palahniuk, Corie Linn, Jesse Blackburn. **2nd:** Louis Karolyi, Mary Weiberg, Sharon Sheets, Sandra Acocella, James Shepherd, Elizabeth Shedd, Daletta Fong, Ed Miller, Rhonda Bailey, Christi Nylund, Lenny Hill, Karen Severson, Morgan Lewis. **3rd:** Virginia Marr, George Bender, James Richmond, Melba Metteer, Marybeth Rubin, Glen Pattee, William Ford, Kenneth Eaton, Linda Shampang, Kathleen Hauck, Kathryn Hatleberg, Athalia White, Tracy Bedortha, Mark Miller, Shy Rainwater, Mason Luke, Wendy Lampley, Andy Wattier. **4th:** Betty Daniels, Clarence Humphries, Carl Conser, Marcene Christiansen, Daryl Dennis, Patti Hogle, James Darrough, Randall Patten, Donald Crouse, Bruce Cappelli, Robin Gibeau. **5th:** Darlene McNair, Sheralind Haas, Richard Roberts, Cynthia Hall, Michael Vandingenen, Tracy Elliott, Miriam Bradetich, Nathan Philes, Myra Landreth, Mark Everett Letchworth, Irene Galea. **6th:** Margaret Christian, Skip Cospier, Donna Cummings, Dean Trotter, Marcia Harris, Kathi Champine, Pamela Guthrie, Toni Overton, Tina Scott, Ted Calavan, Steven Templin, Terri Herdon, Ronald Fisher. **7th:** Wanda Barker, Alvie Yarbrough, Stanley Clark, Gerald Harpole, Rita Bardouche, Norman Brock, Julia O'Reilly, Michael Cobb, Tamsen Cassidy, Lillian Middlekauff, Andre Bay, Erin Vaughn, Kristen Estes, Jason Hight. **8th:** Patrick Brigham, Adele Jones, Jenni Joy, Bettye Sparks, Joanne Durbin, Wilfred Healey, Raymond Carpenter, Michael Claveria, Francis Sharp, Randy Brainard, Steve Thompson, Matthew Tishendorf, Donna Robbins, Abbey Nelson. **9th:** Mildred Olsen, Connie Rodriguez, Carl Smith, Susan Kerrick, Sidney Geil, Elaine Fuller, Denny Lawrence, Steve Otoupalik, Anna Koski, Sheryl Morelli, Thomas Sieminski, Julie Tow, Lucinda Ridge, Lorrie Harp, Kipchoe Spencer, John Deegan. **10th:** Edgar Lawton, Evelyn Welker, Valerie Harmsen, Judy

Sangermano, Margaret Godfrey, Denise Hockema, Lianne Yokum, Clayton Young, Susan Berghorn, Christopher Lavoie, Lori Kiefer, Amy Flagg, Scott Burcal. **11th:** Sybil Fillman, Roseanne Johnson, Linda Grablowski, John Gibson, Jodie Muller, Curtis Court, Donna Burdick, Marlin Lay, Christopher Rogers, Susan Zeni, Londa Wheatley, Justin Wilson, Elizabeth Newbury, Trey Harbick. **12th:** Michael DeVault, Gilda Thorne, Neil McNaughton, Joann Milliman, Steven Middleton, Carlton Wood, Michael Reel, David Mathews, Julie Janisse, Faye Ballester, Michael Winegart. **13th:** Noel Seal, Mary Fullerton, Donald Alber, Maurice Thorne, Bennie Casmano, Eddy Wolfe, Bobby Morrow, Jacqueline McDowell, Kevin Journey, Derrick Carroll, Toni Mattingly. **14th:** Keith Tattersall, Larry Cummings, Frederick Maurer, Joanne Garner, Susan Savidge, Janine Lipski, Robert Cline, Juana Redding, Mary Leishman, Kathy Beudreau, Mike Stoddard. **15th:** Jessica Brook Anderson, Nicole Wattier, Edwin Riley, Phyllis Northcutt, Barton Penland, Deanna Rucker, Richard Severson, Bonnie Gillham, Candace Cappelli, Dana Spangler, Diann Sheldon, Jill Aliperti, Jeff Burt. **16th:** George Vanduren, William Rennie, Audrey Landwing, Pamela Foshay, Norman Rogers, Brook Haas, Randolph Gilbert, Maryane Kemp, Charles Varnum, Bobby Graves, Richard Frank, Leslie Dos Reis, Walter Reim, Sandra Dirckx, Peggy Hofferber, Wayne Sylliaasen, Kurt Kremers, Claudia Hayden, Amy Sessums, Brenda Anderson, Julie Avila, Deanna Adams, Sandra Schutt, Jessica Adelt, Roger Hoeksema. **17th:** Roger Mikkelsen, Ada Fentress, Pat Dymock, Linda Mustard, Betty Wilbur, Mary Cox, Susan Clark, Ryan Landerholm, Chris Culbertson, Erin Elizabeth Winters. **18th:** Dominic Hamlin, Carmelo Lazzaro, Micky Watson, Herbert Pounds, Gary Gripp, George Jones, Frederick Hugi, Douglas Caven, Carl Jones, Kurt Cummings, Jennie Luke, Bob Bergaen, Dave Bieghler, Jeremy Luke. **19th:** Harry Anderson, Vernon Reazin, Amanda McCluskey, Robert Simpson, Harry Bonini, Michael Hayden, David Buller, Vince Butera. **20th:** Max Olson, Marian Bender, Leslie Allender, Marion O'Leary, Madelyn Klotter, Wilma Phillips, Arthur Larsen, Yvonne Kleppe,

David Loos, Bob McCluskey, Gordon Bean, Denise Taisey, Marcy Dirckx, Byron Petersen, Carleton Wood, Lucinda Rux, Teia Burrell, Marcy Brigham, Colby Phillips. **23rd:** Mike Kerrick, Dee Anderson, Gladys Miller, Sharon Kerns, Linda Carlson, William Dunn, Corinne James, Tamara Stearns, Kristina Petermen, Robert Thomas. **24th:** Calinda Ndoye, Gladys Staggs, Raymond Vallier, Michael Dunn, Sharon Fouts, Deborah Gaudioso, Andrew Tow, Shelly Stokes, Wendy McCune, Amy Harlan, Grace Riley. **25th:** Martin Wilsey, Phyllis Bumgarner, Lillian Timms, Willie Ashley, Ronald Haas, Everett Nevin, Luanne Lynn, Leora Bailey, Diana Burnette, Cathie Wilson, Donny Smith, Lance Lefever, Phillip Lanzarotta, Chad Swenson, Dorothy Ward, Don Persinger, Kyoko Jones, Alice Bivens, Michael Posen, Raymond Fowles, Grace Ness, Stuart Gourley, Mark Fleischer, Carey Bailey, Musetta Dixon, Luann Conant, Joe-Ryan Bergoch, Michael Croker, Katie Blair, Scott Koozer, Lolly deFillippis, Daniele Anderson, Laura Joy. **26th:** Tim Krost, Corkey Gourley. **27th:** Mike Rhode, Diane Rhode, Leo Donohoe, Bonnie West, Susan Racette, Ruth Nichols, Allen Baker, Colleen Merly, Deborah Burroughs, Larry Wattier, Diana Marquardt, Bob Ashley, Brian Miller, Cristina Miller, Nicholas Kephart, Onda Bruno, Stefanie Englund, Jake Meyer, Ron Dalrymple. **28th:** David Taylor, Geraldean Callotta, Tina Parrett, Leeann Bennett, Mark Mathews, Theodore Talbot, Suzy Anderson, Julie Franklin, Diana Crayne, Justin Corey, Christopher Christiansen. **29th:** Lawrence Fairbairn, Ann Ferris, Darla Westrope.

Happy Anniversary

Gene & Jan Knight of Leaburg, **1st:** Elmer & Edna Deal formerly of Deerhorn and Mike & Judy Ponichtera of Cedar Flat, **2nd:** David & Karen Coleman of Vida, **6th:** Shannon & Tracy Knight of Vida; **8th:** Bill & Judy Holston, snowbirds **11th:** Al and Mary Morgan of Camp Creek, and John & Tammy Hyland of Walterville; **14th:** Mike & Nikki Jessee; **15th:** Joyce & Walter Wilson of Vida, Tim & Pam Sullivan, **28th:**

NOTICE: Send in the birthdays and other significant life occurrences of your friends and family to Reflections and we will print them free of charge in "The Neighborhood." Send to Reflections, 59059 Old McKenzie Hwy., McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413.

Local named to Hamilton College Dean's List

CLINTON, NY: Anne Larkin, of Leaburg, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 2020 fall semester.

out the semester a course load of four or more graded credits with an average of 3.5 or above.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have carried through-

Larkin, a senior majoring in psychology, is a graduate of Los Gatos High School.

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