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Know who's driving by the sound of their truck? Shop at neighborhood farmstands, or have deer crossing your path? Welcome to a small town.

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Experts from Oregon State University Extension Service step up to bust some of our most common gardening myths

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Several dogs were sickened from salmon poisoning in Oregon recently. Salmon and trout carcasses may harbor bacteria in their blood that can be fatal to dogs. Without treatment, salmon poisoning in dogs is often fatal. Symptoms include severe vomiting and diarrhea. Fortunately, with treatment, most dogs will survive.

The bacteria can infect a dog after they eat, bite, or even lick an infected fish carcass. Symptoms may begin showing 5-7 days after exposure.

Dog owners should be vigilant about keeping their dogs away from dead fish, especially from September through December. If you see your dog eating a dead salmon or trout, or even around one, take them to the veterinarian right away. Don't wait for your

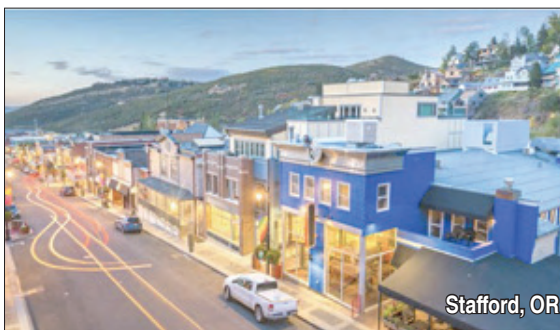
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An Observation and Glassing Class is a new addition to the Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife's Learn to Hunt Big Game series. It's designed to teach people how to become more effective at observing their environment and will build the skills needed to efficiently utilize binoculars, spotting scopes, and tripods to find game.

Whether you are new to hunting or have been at it your entire life, this class will give you new concepts and skills to make you more successful at spotting game in the field, whether it be during pre-season scouting or on the hunt.

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What do you think are the richest locations in the U.S.? Places like San Francisco, New York, and Beverly Hills might come to mind. But prosperity and affluence aren't only thriving among the glitz and glamour of big cities.

GOBankingRates analyzed U.S. Census Bureau income data in locations in every state with 500 to 15,000 households to determine the wealthiest small towns in America and ranked them from "lowest" of the well-off to highest income. (Alaska was not included because of a lack of sufficient data.)

Oregon's highest? Stafford, a 3,900-acre "hamlet"

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Ore Fire spurs closures

2024 vacation season impacted by increasing wildfire activity

A wildfire reported on the afternoon of July 16th suspected to be human-caused has led to the closure of sections of public lands in the Willamette National Forest. The closure, ordered for public and firefighter safety, is expected to continue through November 15th, unless rescinded or modified sooner.

Fire suppression efforts continue on the Ore Fire, which is burning in steep, rugged terrain 7 miles northeast of Blue River. It had grown to approximately 750 acres by Tuesday.

On Sunday, a specialized felling module cleared hazardous trees along Forest Service Road 15 Road while aerial water drops were employed to moderate fire behavior, causing the fire to slowly back down the hillside. Crews and heavy equipment have continued the work of widening roads and removing vegetation along roads in the area. On the southwest edge where fire behavior is most active, hose lays have been installed near Ore Creek and along FS Road 15.

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Crews are fighting wildfires across the Willamette Forest, including 22 sparked by a July 16th lightning storm with more than 200 lightning strikes in Lane County and more than 1,000 strikes across the state.

Eastside residents gain home ownership funding

Program aims to expand purchase options for medium income families



BEND: In June, the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved funding for a new pilot program that encourages builders to construct and sell new homes at prices attainable to median-income earners.

The program, called Workforce Home Ownership for Median-income Earners (Workforce HOME), was established in partnership with NeighborImpact, Housing Works and the Central Oregon

Builders Association (COBA). It will provide developers a \$30,000 builder credit for each home they build that is sold within a price range that is affordable for the workforce in Deschutes County. Buyers must earn between 80 and 120 percent of the area median income and be currently employed by or have an accepted offer of employment from a Deschutes County employer to qualify. A deed restriction will be placed on each home constructed through the Workforce HOME program to ensure that any future sales price remains affordable to qualified buyers for 20 years. The County has allocated \$320,000 in support of the project.

"The County is excited to be providing enough money to fund builder credits for 10 newly constructed homes, which means 10 families in Deschutes County will be able to fulfill the American Dream of owning a home," said Patti Adair, County Commission Chair.

"There is a huge need for workforce housing in this community. While this is a one-time commitment from the County, I hope it's going to prime the pump to get more

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Summertime is back

McKenzie Clinic's Saturday BBQ was a community event



RAINBOW: The aroma of grilling hot dogs and hamburgers was only part of the draw for people who turned out last Saturday on the grounds of Orchid Health's McKenzie River Clinic in Rainbow. There were other attractions besides the free food - ranging from raffle items and gift cards to a bubble machine and kids' games - but the most appreciated thing most people said was the opportunity to once again interact with other community members.

Guest Opinion

The value of journalism must be established in the AI era

By Courtney C. Radsch
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Big Tech is building its latest technology on the intellectual property and uncompensated use of expression, content and data collected online and in databases.

Journalistic content, which is far more than just a collection of facts and is often gathered at great costs to the journalists who report the news, is indispensable to these new AI technologies.

The legal regulatory system has lagged recent rapid-fire developments in AI. By failing to enforce intellectual property rights, regulators have allowed a handful of companies to further entrench their dominance and develop technologies and business models that undermine the viability of entire sectors of the economy, including journalism.

The solution: News publishers, along with creative industries more broadly, must actively define the worth of their content and data by understanding how and why value is created throughout the generative AI process, from developing foundation models to powering real-time search, if they want to obtain fair compensation.

After decades of giving away their content for free and being held hostage to the power of social media and search platforms, news publishers are realizing that they need to be more proactive in the era of AI.

As AI companies rely on news content to train their large language models and make AI applications more relevant, publishers already contending with a precipitous decline in referral traffic and the continued monopolization of digital advertising by Big Tech are being exploited even further.

The journalism industry shed nearly 3,000 jobs in the U.S. alone and scores of publications closed over the past year, exposing the unviability of business models that supported news providers well into the 21st century. Publishers have seen referral traffic, already in decline since Facebook de-prioritized news, plummet even as they are trying to navigate the demise of cookies and implications of AI for the future of their business.

Meanwhile, the tech companies propelling AI have enjoyed revenue growth and valuations that have turned them into the world's most valuable companies with market capitalizations of more than a trillion dollars each.

This disconnect can be traced back to the damage tech corporations have wrought on news publishers by cannibalizing their original content and data, displaying them in their search results or social media feeds, and then diverting advertisers, readers and

potential subscribers away from the news sites themselves.

This reduces revenue from subscriptions, advertising, licensing and affiliates, undermining not just the ability to produce quality journalism but also the industry's underlying business model.

To adapt their business models for the AI era, news publishers need to demand their rights and work collectively to put a figure on the value of journalism to artificial intelligence systems and assess the threat posed to future revenue and business models.

Journalism content can serve as rich, diverse data that improve accuracy and reliability of AI models while helping them better understand and interact with the world, particularly as synthetic media becomes more prominent online.

Journalism provides ongoing value because of its quality, timeliness and empirical grounding, and it could become even more valuable as the amount of AI-generated content increases.

Access to human-created, high-quality content that is a relatively accurate and timely portrayal of reality, like journalism, is an important input for machine learning models.

News outlets must therefore consider how to optimize revenue streams and assert their pricing autonomy throughout the AI value chain. They will need to figure out how to unlock the value of journalism by adopting sophisticated and dynamic compensation frameworks and pricing strategies for news content in various parts of AI systems and applications.

Regardless of a handful of voluntary agreements, policymakers should explore statutory licensing and taxing generative AI firms to create a compensation fund that rights holders could apply for.

AI companies claim that it would be impossible to license data used in foundation models and compensate rights holders, as if that should absolve them of the responsibility to do so.

But acquiescing to this stance means that we are prioritizing one business model over another. We are favoring a business model based on the pervasive theft of intellectual property by the wealthiest companies in the world over the business model of journalism.

How we decide to allocate intel-



lectual property rights, and what we decide about how fair use does or does not apply to developing and training artificial intelligence systems, will have profound ramifications for business models in a variety of sectors and the further concentration of power in a handful of technology corporations.

Over the past nearly two decades, as tech companies like Apple, Amazon, Google, Meta and Microsoft grew to become some of the most valuable companies in the world, the U.S. lost a third of its newspapers and two-thirds of its newspaper journalists. They cannot be replaced with AI.

Gone are the days of passive acceptance that enabled social media and search platforms to siphon off value from publishers and journalists without compensation.

We know that journalism is essential to democracy. Given AI's well-established harms like the spread of misinformation during elections, we cannot say the same of generative AI.

Excerpted from a brief published by the Center for Journalism and Liberty. Courtney C. Radsch is director of the Open Market Institute's Center for Journalism and Liberty and a fellow at the UCLA Institute for Technology, Law and Policy.

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Salmon

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dog to get sick as prophylactic treatments can prevent a more serious illness. The sooner your dog gets treated, the less likely they will get sick and need expensive treatments.

People should keep their dogs on a leash and in sight to prevent them from coming across fish carcasses. Collect and bag up all garbage associated with cleaning fish, clean your coolers and gear, and do not leave fish parts spread on the landscape that dogs could encounter.

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Bus rides

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Classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at E.E. Wilson Wildlife

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Area in Monmouth on August 10th and 11th. The registration fee is \$25 and closes on August 9th. Learn how to register at <https://myodfw.com/workshops-and-events/observation-glassing-class-monmouth>. Those interested in attending the class are encouraged to register early to secure a spot.

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located in a rough triangle south of Lake Oswego, east of Tualatin, that was voted into existence in 2006. It has a Median Income: \$161,489, compared to the lowest on the list - Shelburne, Vermont (\$96,976) and Orinda, CA (\$248,984).

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| Friday 7/26 | | Saturday 7/27 | | Sunday 7/28 | |
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WEATHER REPORT

| READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM | | | | | READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE | | | | |
|--|------|-----|------|----------|---|------|-----|------|-----------|
| Date | High | Low | Rain | Releases | Date | High | Low | Rain | Riverflow |
| 7/16 | 58 | 88 | 0 | 300 cfs | 7/16 | 94 | 54 | 0 | 2,140 cfs |
| 7/17 | 55 | 87 | 0.02 | 309 cfs | 7/17 | 86 | 54 | 0.07 | 2,150 cfs |
| 7/18 | 54 | 89 | 0 | 304 cfs | 7/18 | 85 | 52 | 0 | 2,280 cfs |
| 7/19 | 56 | 91 | 0 | 313 cfs | 7/19 | 89 | 52 | 0 | 2,280 cfs |
| 7/20 | 59 | 93 | 0 | 309 cfs | 7/20 | 93 | 54 | 0 | 2,260 cfs |
| 7/21 | 64 | 78 | 0 | 304 cfs | 7/21 | 94 | 61 | 0 | 2,250 cfs |
| 7/22 | 79 | 63 | 0 | 309 cfs | 7/22 | 78 | 57 | 0 | 2,240 cfs |

Sheriff's Report

July 15: 9:02 a.m: Restraining Order Service - 39000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd.
9:34 a.m: Restraining Order Service - 39400 blk, Ann Ln.
7:26 p.m: Found Animal - 45200 blk, Goodpasture Rd.
9:29 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.
July 16: 1:30 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle - 87800 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.
2:19 p.m: Tree Down - Lat. 44.148785. Long: -122.259232.
2:39 p.m: Fire - Lat. 44.2383. Long: -122.247917.

July 17: 11:50 a.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 91700 blk, Blue River Reservoir Rd.
12:02 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 46600 blk, Goodpasture Rd.
12:42 p.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 38500 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd.
2:17 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle - 87800 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.
7:03 p.m: Disabled Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Greenwood Dr.
7:19 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 46100 blk, McK. Hwy.
July 18: 2:12 p.m: Harassment - 90600 blk, Sunderman Rd.
2:23 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 49800 blk, McK. Hwy.
6:26 p.m: Water Rescue - Lat: 44.072437. Long: -122.937675.
7:28 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - Boscage Ln. & Cedar Flat Rd.
5:49 p.m: Fire - 35100 blk, McK. View Dr.
10:11 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 89800 blk, Hill Rd.
11:42 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - McK. View Dr. & Hill Rd.
July 19: 12:20 a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 89000 blk, Bridge St.
12:31 a.m: Fire - 35100 blk, McK. View Dr.
2:28 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 49700 blk, McK. Hwy.
1:36 p.m: Fraud - 37200 blk, Tree Farm Rd.
5:10 p.m: Citizen Contact - 44600 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:31 p.m: Safety Hazard - 91200 blk, Blue River Rd.
7:50 p.m: Impound Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Leaburg Dr.
8:11 p.m: Illegal Burn - 47200 blk, McK. Hwy.
July 20: 10:33 a.m: Suspicious subject - Marcola Rd. & Hill Rd.
11:17 a.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - 59600 blk, McK. Hwy.
12:37 p.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - 56300 blk, McK. Hwy.
4:14 p.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd.
4:22 p.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - 59200 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd.
4:34 p.m: Assist, Information - 56200 blk, Delta Dr.
4:42 p.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - Bruckart Landing.
7:19 p.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - Bruckart Landing.
July 21: 10:43 a.m: Shots Fired - McGowan Quarry.
11:00 a.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - 59600 blk, McK. Hwy.
12:02 p.m: Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - Bruckart Landing.
10:42 p.m: Injured Animal - Marcola Rd. Mp. 3.
July 22: 1:11 p.m: Hit & Run

- 35900 blk, Camp Creek Rd.
3:14 p.m: Illegal Burn - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

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

State Police Report

July 17: 08:52: Traffic Crimes, All Except DUII - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 9.5. Trooper observed a motorcycle traveling west at a very high rate of speed. The rider saw trooper and accelerated away, passing multiple vehicles at over 100 miles per hour. The motorcycle disappeared and the information was shared with Springfield and LCSO. This was the same motorcycle that had eluded LCSO earlier this week and LCSO shared a BOLO for. On July 17, the rider was located and arrested without incident. The rider was lodged in the Lane County Jail on multiple traffic crimes. Involved: Silver/aluminum Yamaha motorcycle, 27-year-old Joseph Tyler McVeigh of Blue River. Charges: Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering
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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

July 15: 10:29: McK. Hwy./Goodpasture Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
15:05: 39000 block, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, Trauma. Confirmed Deceased.
16:02: Greenhill Rd./Bodenhamer Rd. Mutual Aid. Assist with Fire Containment.
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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

July 18: 17:25: Medical - 59000 block, N. Belknap Springs Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.
July 19: 13:48: Medical - 88000 blk, Aufderheide Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.
July 20: 15:57: Medical - 91000 blk, Horse Creek Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.
July 21: 08:25: Medical - McKenzie Bridge Airport. Female, Conscious and Alert.
The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 19th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.

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- 91241 Blue River Rd * .38 Acre * city water available * septic * riverfront * level site * \$249,000
- 49391 Eagle Rock Place * 2 Acres * well * septic * \$195,000 * PENDING
- 91623 Fir Ln * .34 acres * well * septic * 2 lots * \$189,000
- Blue River Rd. * 1645213400200 * 0.79 acres * septic approval * city water available * \$169,000
- McKenzie Hwy * 20.25 acres * F2 zoning * \$75,000 * Not buildable
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By Slim Randles

The evening was one of those that come back to you time after time, year after long year. It comes back and whispers of how good life can be when you're well fed, enjoying life, and a good friend shares the front porch with you on a summer's evening.

It was that way with Doc and Steve the other night. Doc thought he might have to do a scientific paper on the soporific effects of ice tea, fried chicken, and corn on the cob. As long as it didn't take any effort.

So when this huge meal had been bull-snaked down, the two grinning friends came out to the porch to watch the sun go down behind the trees along Lewis Creek. The air had that orange and russet glow, and the breeze, that little one that caresses the neck, came slowly down from the hills and made their shirt collars wiggle ever so slightly.

It was like taking a dry bath in paradise.

Doc sidled up to one of the porch posts and gently tested it to see if it could hold the extra weight he was carrying with that meal. It stood fine, so he leaned against it seriously and looked out on the evening's warmth.

Steve, who was enjoying having a fine meal that someone else cooked for a change, leaned against the post on the other side of the steps.

And then they just stood quietly, watching the day make beautiful skies as it ended.

The shadow on the ground foretold the presence of the circling bird. Doc and Steve paid no attention at first. Then a few minutes later, it was joined by two more circling birds over Doc's house.

"Buzzards," Steve mumbled.

"Yep," said Doc.

They circled some more.

"I think one of us should move a little ..." said Doc.

"Move?"

"Well ... to let them know ... you know."

Steve sighed, then glanced over at Doc. "Flip you for it."

Sorry to hear May Company went broke and closed. Nice people, clean sheets ... oh where has the time gone?

Quote of the Week

"You learn nothing if you think you're right all the time."

Anonymous

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State's distinctive scenic bridges are McCullough's legacy

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By Finn J.D. John

Anyone who's done much driving around Oregon — especially along the coast — knows the state's bridges have a particular and distinctive style.

That style is actually hard to put your finger on, isn't it? The bridges themselves are very different from one another. Many of them aren't even built with the same materials. The spectacular structure that soars over Coos Bay could not be much different in size, technique, and style from the elegant little archway that links Oregon City with West Linn; but even if you'd never seen them before, you could just look at either one of them and instantly identify it as an Oregon bridge.

The common thread linking these classic Oregon bridges was Conde McCullough, the legendary bridge designer and engineer who led the teams that designed and built them.

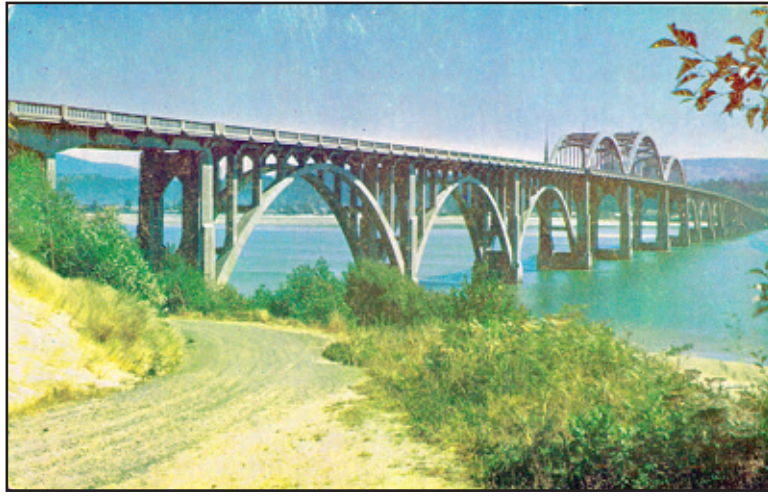
McCullough, as you'll likely recall from last week's Offbeat Oregon article, moved to the state in 1916, almost certainly inspired by the Columbia Gorge Scenic Highway, which had started carrying traffic a year or two before. He took a job at Oregon State University (then known as Oregon Agricultural College) and got busy teaching bright young engineering students how to build bridges right; and, when the state of Oregon finally got its ducks in a row and started looking for a good bridge engineer to lead the Highway Department, he was the obvious choice.

And so, in 1919, Conde McCullough moved to Salem, hired his entire senior class of bridge engineering students, and started a career that would put Oregon on the map ... literally.

By that time, McCullough was halfway through his career. His first 20 years of experience in the field had taught McCullough some important things, which he brought to his new position as a kind of guiding philosophy.

First off, he felt that in almost all cases, cheap bridges were strictly for suckers. A bridge made of green lumber might be slapped across a river for a quarter the cost of a reinforced-concrete design; but even if it was built very solidly and well, it would last for only a decade or two. Shorter spans could be handled with covered bridges, but those don't last forever either — also the maintenance costs are high, and they don't work for anything much larger than a creek.

By the time a wooden bridge had been replaced two or three



Postcard

This 1960s-era postcard image of the old Alsea Bay Bridge shows one of the few Conde McCullough bridges that don't survive. This bridge, by the 1980s, had deteriorated in the salty air to the point where chunks of concrete were spalling off and falling, threatening the boats passing beneath. It was replaced in the late 1980s with the bridge that is there today.

times, the government agency responsible for it would have paid several times more than it would have if it had just done the job right in the first place.

So McCullough's philosophy was to build 100-year bridges, anticipating every possible stress that the environment could put upon them and designing them to meet the challenges of centuries to come.

Part of that, of course, was picking the right kind of material for a bridge. Lumber was out, of course, and McCullough was sharply criticized over the years by timber interests that had hoped for a larger slice of the state's bridge-building budget.

Even if the material was right, a bridge could be ruined by choosing the wrong design. McCullough had seen what happened when a national bridge company parachuted into a small rural county and sold its leaders on a pretty, patented design that didn't fit into the local geography. A bridge had to be the right design for the setting, or it would collapse or wash away the first chance it got.

But McCullough also had a deep appreciation for scenic beauty. Aesthetics were very important to him, and he wanted his work to harmonize with its surroundings. He clearly had a sense of how that could be accomplished, and that's why every time you come up on one of his bridges, it just looks right.

In a sense, that's because McCullough was lucky — lucky he was a designer of bridges and not of office buildings or parking garages. In most architecture, there's a tension between aesthetics and utility. A super pretty building with lots of gingerbread touches surrounded

by ornamental plantings is more aesthetically pleasing than a plain shoebox-shaped building in the middle of a parking lot; but it's also a lot more expensive, both to build and to maintain.

Bridges aren't like that. Most of their function follows their form; you can't take many liberties with a basic arch, or concrete pier. So the difference between a classically designed span, with obelisks at the entrances and a tasteful concrete handrail along the sidewalks at each edge, and a minimally ornamented "brutalist" design, is way less than one percent of the budget.

McCullough recognized this. He knew that he could deliver bridges that cost less than expected while looking and working far better. Plus, he'd seen what had happened when Samuel Lancaster created the highway-engineering work of art that was the Columbia Gorge Highway a decade before. The extra expense paid to design something special had been more than made up for by its contribution to tourism; people from all over the country were still coming to Crown Point to drive on that highway.

There'd been a lot of extra expenses on Lancaster's project: Italian stonemasons, the marble walls at Crown Point, the spectacular tunnel arch at Mitchell Point. On McCullough's bridges, there was hardly any, so it was a no-brainer. In many cases, his projects came in under budget.

This, then, was Conde McCullough's particular genius: figuring out how to make the most gorgeous soaring arches and architecturally sophisticated designs cost less, rather than more, to build and maintain.

There is no typical Conde McCullough bridge. McCullough knew picking the right design and material for each project could save huge amounts of money. So each bridge he built was different

— sometimes radically so — from the next.

In general, though, he preferred to build in reinforced concrete, using the cleanest and most elegant arch design possible, sparsely but significantly decorated in motifs that felt appropriate to the scenery.

Knowing he was building a bridge for the ages rather than just for his own age, he avoided architectural trends of the moment and drew from motifs going all throughout history. The Cape Creek Bridge at Devil's Elbow, for instance, looks like a Roman aqueduct. The obelisks at the entrance of most of his larger bridges set an art-deco tone, like miniature skyscrapers. (They are there to protect the bridge's vulnerable structure points in case a truck hits them, and sometimes to provide additional mass.)

The result is that, unlike something like Oregon City's municipal elevator or the Oregon state capitol building (both of which scream "I was built in the mid-1950s" at the top of their metaphorical lungs), a Conde McCullough bridge looks like it's been there forever — like it grew there, stalagmite-like, over the centuries.

McCullough's first major bridge project for the state was the Rock Point Bridge over the Rogue River, in Jackson County; it opened the year after McCullough was hired, in 1920.

By the end of 1922 he'd designed and built five more bridges, including his first multi-arch design in Myrtle Creek and the remarkable soaring concrete-covered steel arch bridge in Oregon City.

But he's most famous today for the bridges he designed to replace the slow, expensive ferries along the Roosevelt Military Highway — now known as Highway 101. These include the bridges at Gold Beach, Reedsport, Florence, Newport, Depoe Bay and the mile-long piece de resistance that bears McCullough's name today over Coos Bay. These classic bridges are, today, almost as much a part of Oregon Coast's attractiveness to visitors as are the beaches.

Conde McCullough was a high-energy man, seeming to be never so comfortable and relaxed as when he was charging ahead on a project. By the early 1940s this hard-charging lifestyle, along with thousands of packs of cigarettes, was starting to take a toll. In 1942 McCullough suffered a mild heart attack, which he recovered from; his doctor ordered him to slow down and quit smoking, which he did for several weeks before grumbling, "The hell with this," and resuming his old habits.

He made it long enough to see [Scenic bridges - Page 11](#)

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Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



SWEET CORN - A SUMMER FAVORITE

This is the season for fresh corn-on-the-cob in the stores and at farm stands. Our supermarket gets their sweet corn from local farms.

This reminds me of the years of my childhood on the farm, when we children operated a sweet corn stand along the highway in front of our farmhouse. Extra corn raised in the garden, that we didn't eat and Mother didn't can, we sold there. As we children became old enough, it was our job to wait on the customers.

We even made the signs. I recall a customer calling Mother's attention to a sign crayoned on cardboard, "Corn for Sail." She didn't tell us until some time later, for she thought it brought in more customers.

Corn a Staple

Sweet corn has been a staple in many cultures for centuries. It's still often used more, or at least as much as wheat in some regions.

Pioneers to the New World of North America found the natives growing corn. They learned from them how to cultivate corn and produce this food for themselves.

Early recipes included corn roasted over the coals of an open fire or a fireplace, corn soup, corn bread, corn fritters, and succotash (corn and green or Lima beans cooked together).

Corn can be used in so many ways- relishes, as a vegetable, in

casseroles, soups, quiche, soufflés, succotash, meat loaf, corn bread, salads, fritters, and muffins.

CORN SAUTEED WITH ONION is a quick and simple dish to prepare.

Melt 2- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine in skillet. Add 4 cups fresh corn and 1/4 cup sliced green onions (scallions). Cover and cook over medium heat until the corn is done, about 5 minutes. Stir occasionally so vegetables don't stick or burn. Season with salt and pepper.

(You also can use thinly sliced regular onions instead of the green ones. Some like to cook 1/8 -1/4 cup diced green and/or red pepper with the vegetables.)

CALIFORNIA FLAVORED SUCCOTASH calls for additional ingredients to add flavor to the traditional recipe.

Cook 2 cups fresh Lima beans in a small amount of boiling water about 10 minutes. Cut corn from 4 ears and add to the Limas. Cook for 5-10 minutes until corn and beans are tender.

Brown slightly 1/4 cup slivered blanched almonds in 2 tablespoons butter. Add the almonds along with 2 tablespoons chopped black olives (more or less as desired) to the drained succotash. Season with salt and pepper as desired.

(c) Mary Emma Allen

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



Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

OSU Extension Service

The truth in some gardening practices



Hope Stephens

Ponderosa pine needles don't make soil more acidic.

Reality can get skewed when there are so many sources of information - books, magazines, newspapers, nurseries, and, most of all, the internet and social media open up lots of room for contradiction. So, how do you find the right answer to gardening questions?

Experts from Oregon State University Extension Service stepped up to bust some common gardening myths. Read on to get some research-based answers to 10 common misconceptions.

For additional questions, call the OSU Extension Master Gardeners in your area or submit a question to Ask Extension, an online question-and-answer service. Providing a photo is important.

MYTH: Lime will remove moss from your lawn.

REALITY: Lime will not fix the problem. Moss prefers to grow in wet, shady conditions. Lawns with moss

need more sunlight, i.e. trimming, pruning, and thinning trees. If you like the trees the way they are, you will continue to have moss and you should think about shade-tolerant alternatives to grass. Moss also grows well in infertile soils, which includes acidic (low pH) soils, but more importantly, it also includes nitrogen-deficient soils. Lawns, like a lot of cultivated plants, prefer nitrogen-rich soils. Regular fertilizer applications (four applications per year, two in the fall and two in the spring) with products containing nitrogen, combined with improved sunlight will result in a green, dense lawn that can out-compete moss. – Alec Kowalewski, OSU Extension turf specialist

MYTH: Ponderosa pine needles make the soil more acidic (low pH).

REALITY: The notion that pine needles change the soil pH so that nothing will grow or that it will damage plants has been out there for years. The truth is pine needles do not make the soil more acidic.

Pine needles indeed have a pH of 3.2 to 3.8 (neutral is 7.0) when they drop from a tree. If you were to take the freshly fallen needles (before the needles decompose) and turn them into the soil right away, you may see a slight drop in the soil pH, but the change would not be damaging to the plants.

For those that leave the needles on the ground, they will begin to break down naturally and the microbes (decomposers) in the soil will neutralize them. So, you can leave them there (if you're not in a wildfire-prone area). They are a good mulching material that will keep the moisture in, suppress weeds, and eventually add nutrients back to the soil. You can also add them to a compost pile; they will slowly break down over time. If you run them through a shredder, they will break down faster. A general rule of thumb is not to add more than 10% of pine needles to your compost pile.

If you are having difficulty growing other plants under your pine trees it is likely because evergreen roots are numerous and shallow and compete for water and nutrients. The shady conditions under a tree can also make growing other plants a challenge. – Amy Jo Detweiler, OSU Extension horticulturist

MYTH: You should top a tree to control its height.

REALITY: Trees are programmed to attain a certain height. Topping only temporarily delays the inevitable. The resulting sucker growth, which grows rapidly in an attempt to provide food for the compromised root system, is weakly attached. This creates an even greater hazard. Additionally, the trunk is not a limb and cannot use the tree's architectural physiology to seal the wound caused by topping. This often leads to a slow death for the tree. – Al Shay, horticulturist and site manager for OSU's Oak Creek Center for Urban Horticulture

MYTH: Just add more compost to the soil.

REALITY: Adding organic

matter to soil in the form of compost helps to improve soil structure and promote long-term plant health, but adding too much compost at once or over time can lead to problems. If the soil organic matter is much higher than ideal (5% to 8%), the soil can have too much available phosphorus, which can stunt plant growth and potentially leach into the water table. Also, some composts can be high in salts, which can also impact plant growth. – Brooke Edmunds, OSU Extension horticulturist

MYTH: Bee houses help promote and conserve bee diversity.

REALITY: Although some bee species nest in the cavities provided by bee houses, most bee species nest in the ground. Research out of Canada shows that most cavities in bee houses are colonized by native wasps (that help control pests), and not native bees. So, bee houses still do good, but not necessarily the good that you might think. – Gail Langellotto, entomologist and professor in the College of Agricultural Sciences

MYTH: Tree roots go only as far as the drip line.

REALITY: Many trees extend many times beyond the branch crown diameter. For instance, magnolia extends 3.7 times the diameter; red maple 3 times; poplar 3; locust 2.9 and ash 1.7. – Neil Bell, retired OSU Extension horticulturist

MYTH: Epsom salts are a must for great tomatoes. Use them in every garden.

REALITY: If you have done a soil test and your soil lacks magnesium and your plants are not growing well, give it a try. In most soils and gardens, they can do more damage than good. – Brooke Edmunds, OSU Extension horticulturist

MYTH: When you plant a new tree or shrub, dig the hole and add an amendment to the soil before you backfill the hole.

REALITY: Although amending soil with organic matter is often a good idea, it should be done on an area-wide basis, not just in a planting hole for an individual plant. Adding an organic amendment to the soil only in the planting hole will tend to reduce the growth of the plant. This happens because roots may stay within the amended soil and not grow into the native soil, creating a root-bound plant within the amended soil. If the organic amendment is not completely decomposed it may require nitrogen for further decomposition, which will compete with plant roots for minerals, thereby resulting in reduced growth. In the case of large shrubs or trees, decomposition of the amendment will cause the plant to settle and the root collar will sink below the soil. – Neil Bell, retired OSU Extension horticulturist

MYTH: Brown recluse and hobo spiders are common in Oregon.

REALITY: It is commonly thought that hobo and brown
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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 Waltherville. plus in McKenzie Bridge at 6 p.m. on Thursdays at the McKenzie Bridge Christian Church.

July - Aug. 20 Free Summer Meals

Free Summer Meals will be served from 8 a.m. to noon at the At the McKenzie Community School, 51187 Blue River Drive. No sign-up, paperwork, or cost is required! Just show up and enjoy nutritious meals: Breakfast: 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Lunch: 11 am to noon

July 25

Morning Meditation

Morning Meditation, from 9 to 10 a.m. at 91241 Rose Street in Blue River. Bring a chair or sit on a picnic bench. No experience is necessary. Guided & Silent Meditation, usually 20 to 30 minutes. \$5 (no one is turned away for lack of \$) We have a little time for getting to know each other and socializing.

July 26

Yoga In Leaburg

Yoga in Leaburg meets from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy, every Friday.

July 26

McK Chamber

The board of directors of the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce will meet from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. For more information contact: info@mckenziechamber.com

July 27

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 may 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.

July 30

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.

July 30

Family Story Time

The Family Story Time will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special FUN at Camp Creek Church for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship!

July 31

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July 31

Watershed Wednesday

Join the McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning from

9 to 11:30 a.m. at Green Island 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. Green Island is a 1,100 acre preserve located just outside of the city of Coburg.

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August 3

Ice Cream Social

An Ice Cream Social And Cobbler Contest will be held from 11 a.m. to 4p.m. at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Drive Rainbow. Make a cobbler

Interested in volunteering?

Two positions are open on Lane County Planning Commission

The Lane County Planning Commission is accepting applications to fill two positions: an at-large position and an in-city position.

An at-large positions means that, while applicants must be Lane County residents, they do not need to live in a particular area of the county. An in-city position means that applicants must live within the city limits of one of Lane County's 12 incorporated cities.

"How we manage issues related to land use is, literally, how we build our community for ourselves and future generations," said Lane County Planning Director Amber Bell. "The Planning Commission is an important part of that process and we hope people are interested in serving in that role."

The Lane County Planning Commission is a nine-member advisory board that makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding land use, comprehensive plan issues and amendments, as well as other regional planning issues. The group generally meets twice per month in the evenings.

Applicants must be residents of Lane County.

To learn more or download an application, visit www.Lan-

eCountyOR.gov/Planning_Commission.

County Transportation Advisory Committee needs new member

There is an at-large seat available on Lane County's Transportation Advisory Committee (TrAC). An at-large seat means applicants can live anywhere in Lane County.

The TrAC acts as a forum for public input into the County's transportation system and serves as a liaison group in representing transportation concerns of the community to the Board of County Commissioners.

"We all use our transportation system - although in different ways - and having a group of diverse voices at the table is how we work to make improvements that benefit everyone," said Interim Transportation Planning Supervisor Cassidy Mills. "The TrAC is a great group if you are interested in getting more involved in the community."

The Committee meets in the evening of every fourth Wednesday of every other month.

Members have the option to participate online or in-person.

There are a total of seven members - one from each commissioner's district and two at-large members.

Applications are available at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/TrAC.

to enter the cobbler contest - the winner gets their name on the plaque and a great prize. There's a \$5 suggested donation. MENU: Ice Cream Scoop, Cone, or cup- Regular or Kids size, Cobbler a la Mode or a la Carte, Ice Cream Sundae/Kids Sundae, Chocolate Fudge or Strawberry with Nuts and Toppings, Water and Soda. Ice Cream generously donated by Horse Creek Lodge.

August 6

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August 3

Coffee With Locals

Come have Coffee with the Locals from 10 to 11 a.m. at Jessup's Java, 51757 Blue River Drive in Blue River (paid for by Locals Helping Locals). Catch up with your neighbors, discuss how you are doing in the fire recovery

process, and share your successes and struggles. Contact Brenda Hamlow with questions: (541) 729-9802.

August 6

Family Story Time

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August 6

EWEB Board

The Eugene Water & Electric Board Commissioners will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at EWEB's Roosevelt Operations Center, 4200 Roosevelt Blvd. in Eugene. Customers and the general public are welcome and encouraged to attend in person or watch a live stream of the meeting in real-time. An interpreter can be provided with 48 hours' notice prior to the meeting. To arrange for this service, call 541-685-7000. Each person will have up to three minutes to speak, though the Board President may adjust speaking time as needed.



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- 9. Between larva and adult
- 10. Enthusiasm
- 11. Split lentils dish
- 13. Roman statesman, Nero's advisor
- 14. Open up
- 19. Three
- 22. "Send help!" acronym
- 23. Make change
- 24. "Inside Out 2" main character
- 25. Actor Owen
- 26. Between Phi and Kappa
- 27. Like some sausages
- 28. Cake cover
- 29. *What storm pursuers do
- 32. **"_____ as Ice" by Foreigner
- 33. Feel regret
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- 41. Herpes _____, a.k.a. shingles
- 44. Not odds
- 46. Nauseant
- 48. Battle of the _____, 1944-1945 German offensive
- 49. Literary composition
- 50. Eyelid affliction
- 51. Tibetan monk
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- 56. "Zip it!"

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- den, e.g.
- 22. Anatomical pouch
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- 26. Same as boric
- 30. Slang for million dollars
- 31. Mother-of-pearl, pl.
- 34. Of a particular kind
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- 39. Campbell of "Scream" fame
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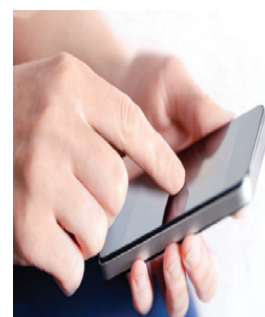
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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber (www.ricksteber.com)

July 27 - Charles Bennett came to Oregon by wagon train in 1844 and remained in the Willamette Valley until going to California with a group of friends in 1847. They found work digging a millrace for John Sutter. According to the Oregon men, it was not James Marshall, but Charles Bennett who picked up a yellow rock and recognized it as gold. After the subsequent gold rush Bennett returned to Oregon. He was captain of Company F Oregon Mounted Volunteers in the Yakima Indian War and was killed at the Battle of Walla Walla. He is buried in Salem. On his marble tombstone are etched the words, "Captain Charles Bennett was the discover of gold in California."

Fishing Report

McKenzie River: All hatchery rainbow trout released into the McKenzie River are marked with an adipose fin clip and anglers must release all non fin-clipped (wild) trout in the mainstem river. The lower 11 miles of the McKenzie River below the Hayden Bridge - and the McKenzie River upstream from Forest Glen Boat Ramp at Blue River - are restricted to angling with lures and flies only, and all trout must be released.

Trout Stocking Schedule: Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8" to 10" hatchery fish this week were: McKenzie River below Leaburg Dam - 2,000, McKenzie River above Leaburg Dam - 850, Clear Lake - 3,000, and Leaburg Lake - 1,000.

Fish Counts

July 18, Willamette Falls
Spring Chinook - 20,298
Summer Steelhead - 17,940

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Recreation upgrades coming to NW Forests



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The lodge at Multnomah Falls is among the latest projects to receive improvement funding.

By Eric Tegethoff Oregon News Service
More than \$27 million is coming to upgrade forests in the Northwest for recreation.

The investment is the latest round of funding from the Great American Outdoors Act, which was passed in 2020 and established the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund. The legislation is aimed to address the backlog of maintenance needed on public lands.

Tracy Calizon, Northwest Region assistant director for recreation, trails, wilderness and heritage, for the U.S. Forest Service, said 23 projects across national forests in Oregon and Washington were chosen.

"That is for fixing campgrounds, replacing toilets, updating trailheads, signage, kiosks, roads, providing access and accessibility improvements," Calizon outlined. "At the sites that the public knows

and loves across national forests of the Pacific Northwest."

There are now 76 Legacy Restoration Fund projects in the Northwest, with 18 of them completed. The U.S. Forest Service said the Great American Outdoors Act has brought \$77 million in contracts to Oregon and Washington to complete the projects.

Calizon added there are many elements to maintaining the country's forests.

"It's not necessarily only the trailheads or the public facing infrastructure," Calizon explained. "It's also the infrastructure to support the whole picture and make sure that we have the staff to be able to provide these great opportunities."

The Great American Outdoors Act is working to address the country's \$8.6 billion deferred maintenance backlog on public lands.

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Gardening Tips

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recluse spiders cause necrotic bites in this state, when in fact the brown recluse is not found in Oregon and the hobo spider does not cause necrotic bites. The hobo spider was removed from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's list of venomous spiders in 2015. The black widow is the most harmful spider to humans in the state. - Heather Stoven, OSU Extension entomologist and community horticulturist

MYTH: Watering on hot sunny days will burn the plants because the water droplets magnify the sun's rays.

REALITY: It rains during the summer all around the world and plants are just fine. More of an issue is that the irrigation

water will evaporate and not be as effective. Note though that sensitive houseplants like African violet can show leaf damage from very cold water applied to the leaves. - Brooke Edmunds, OSU Extension horticulturist

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Home ownership

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people that are working in Deschutes County into housing," said Tony DeBone, County Commissioner Vice-Chair.

"I would like to express appreciation for all the innovative folks who brought this pilot program to us. While the funding provided by the county isn't enough to help all of the workforce families in our community, it is a start," said Phil Chang, County Commissioner. "We hope other agencies and businesses will be motivated to help support the Workforce HOME program in the future."

NeighborImpact will administer the program, determining the eligibility of developers and potential buyers, overseeing the application processes and funding, and conducting annual verifications to make sure the homes remain occupied in accordance with the deed restriction.

"This program is crucial to helping developers buy down the high costs of land and development fees in Central Oregon, and we're excited to see an increase in badly needed homes for our county's workforce as a result," said Morgan Greenwood, COBA Vice President of Government Affairs.

"Our local workforce is our

community's greatest asset. I extend thanks to our County Commissioners for prioritizing the opportunity and ability for our hard-working folks to own their own home," said Cheri Helt, owner of Zydeco Kitchen and Cocktails. "Deschutes County is leading the nation by launching the first program to have a dedicated fund for home ownership for individuals active in our local workforce earning 80% to 120% of area median income. Our workforce will now have more opportunity to live, and invest, where they work and play."

"This program is innovative. It's a break from the same-old, same-old," said Scott Cooper, Executive Director of NeighborImpact. "Central Oregon is once again in the forefront of thinking creatively. It's exciting."

Of the funds provided by the County, \$300,000 will go toward builder credits for 10 new homes in Deschutes County and \$20,000 will be paid to NeighborImpact for administration of the program.

For more information about the program, email Morgan Greenwood at morgang@coba.org

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Wildfire closures

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Impacted areas include Buck Mountain Trail, Tidbits South and West Trail, Gold Hill Trail, Mona Campground, Lookout Campground, and the Saddle Dam Boat Launch.

The closure boundary starts at the junction of Forest Service Road (FSR) 15 and Highway 126 and proceeds north along FSR 15 to the Sweet Home Ranger/McKenzie River Ranger District boundary. The closure then extends west and south to Simmonds Creek. The closure then follows Simmonds Creek south until it aligns with FSR Road 2620-122 and continues south down FS Road 2620-122 until it reaches the junction of FSR Road 2620-125 and continues south along FSR 2620-125 until it reaches Hwy 126.

The closure then continues east along, but not including Highway 126, until it reaches the starting point at the junction of FSR Road 15 and Highway 126. Outside the boundary, a small portion of the



The Ore Fire continued to burn this week.

Tidbits Trail is also closed.

For the complete list of recreation sites and roads included in the Ore Fire closure order, visit our website at tinyurl.com/2fx9echb

Officials are advising people to be aware of current restrictions before heading out into the forest and sharing information with

others. As fire restrictions change, information will be available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/willamette/fire>.

Updated information is also available on Facebook and Twitter @WillametteNF. To report a wildfire, call 9-1-1.

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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18:01: 55000 blk, McK. River Dr. Mutual Aid. Cancelled.

19:20: 89000 blk, Greenwood Dr Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

July 16: 16:46: Leashore Dr Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

18:56: 34000 blk, McKenzie View Dr Mutual Aid. Assist Mohawk Valley Fire with a Brush Fire.

23:37: Sunderman Rd./Tree Farm Rd. Mutual Aid. Staged in District, MVFR is Unable To Locate.

July 17: 8:39: Camp Creek Rd./Oakshire Rd. Area Check For Smoke. Smoke Column Found, ODF En Route.

11:13: Camp Creek Rd./Easy Ln. Brush Fire. Assist ODF on Brush Fire.

July 18: 18:10: Milepost 5. McKenzie View Dr. Brush Fire. Mutual Aid with Mohawk Fire.

July 19: 6:41: 40000 blk, Potter Creek Ln. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

14:32: Goodpasture Rd. Mp. 2. Public Assist. Advised Homeowner.

20:07: 47000 blk, McK. Hwy. Illegal Burning. Extinguished

Fire.

21:36: South 79th St. Assist Police. Wet Down Area Around Vehicle Off Road.

July 20: 5:35: 36000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Smoke Scare. UTL.

14:05: 89000 blk, Bridge St Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

14:54: 87000 blk, Fawn Way Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

17:26: 37000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medial, Heart. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

18:00: 87000 blk, Collins Lane Medical, Heart. Deceased.

19:16: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Motor Vehicle Accident, Non-Blocking. Patient Refusals Obtained.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, Monday, August 19th, 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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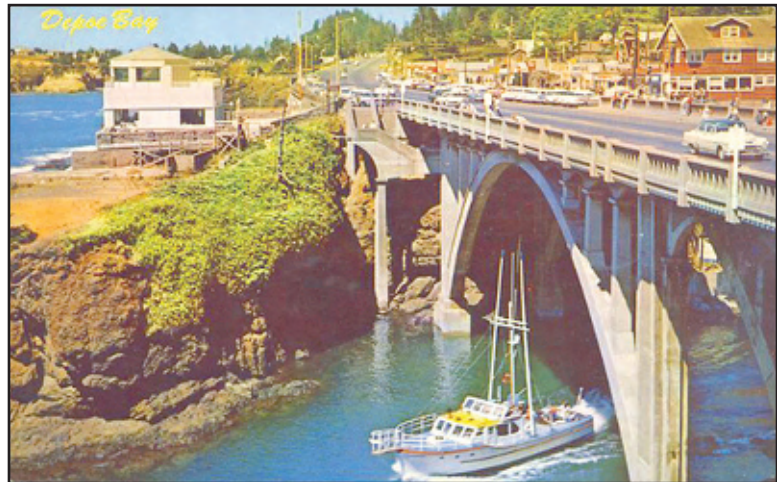
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Scenic bridges

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Postcard

The bridge at Depoe Bay is one of McCullough's smaller bridges, and many visitors never step off the deck to look at what's beneath

his son back from the Second World War, but only just. He died abruptly of a brain hemorrhage while gardening in 1946, just shy of his 59th birthday.

Landscape painters often "remove" unsightly elements from their work — deleting telephone poles, railroad tracks, and flashy commercial buildings from their landscapes to make them more appealing and harmonious. In all the time Oregon's scenery has been attracting landscape artists to set up their easels and create paintings from its vistas, the number of times a Conde McCullough bridge has been "removed" from a painting is basically zero. Most of the time, the bridge is the central element in the artist's picture. The same is true with most of the bridges created after McCullough passed

on his mantle to a new generation of bridge designers.

That's the true legacy of what Conde McCullough gave our state.

(Sources: *Elegant Arches, Soaring Spans*, a book by Robert W. Hadlow published in 2001 by Oregon State University Press; *Historic Highway Bridges of Oregon*, a book by Dwight Smith & al. published in 1989 by OSU Press.)

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Elevated wildfire risk as Oregon wildfire season off to 'aggressive start'

Lightning coupled with hot dry weather created high-risk wildfire conditions

By Alex Baumhardt
Oregon Capital Chronicle
In just the last week, Gov. Tina Kotek declared five conflagrations — meaning many structures have burned or the scale of the fires exceed local resources. They're the result of some human-caused fires and thousands of lightning strikes earlier in the week that ignited more than 100 new fires.

Ruiz-Temple and the Oregon Department of Forestry's deputy director of fire operations, Kyle Williams, said lightning storms that are expected Friday through Monday will further elevate risk. South central Oregon, in the Klamath and Medford areas are at highest risk Friday evening before lightning is expected to move north and east until Monday.

The two doubled down on their pleas to Oregonians to minimize the potential for human-caused wildfires so their agencies can manage scarce resources.

"We have our hands full already, and there's more lightning coming — we can address that, as long as our resources are not busy dealing with other human caused fires," Williams said.

So far, the number of human-caused wildfires in Oregon is below average, according to Williams. But because conditions are so hot and dry, those wildfires are getting larger and burning more acres than average.

Burn rules across state and national parks and forests have gone into effect, and fires are allowed only at some designated campsites. Officials recommend ensuring fires are properly doused and put out, that people keep vehicles off of dry grass and ensure vehicle chains are not dragging. The Oregon Department of Forestry recommends avoiding any backyard debris burning during the fire season.



Wanmei Liang/NASA

The Cow Valley Fire as seen from space on July 12. The fire in Malheur County is the largest in the state and has burned over 130,000 acres.

Statewide emergency

On July 12, Kotek declared a statewide wildfire emergency, which enabled National Guard deployment to parts of the state and allowed state and federal resources to flow to areas in need.

"To be very honest, our wildfire season is off to a very aggressive start," she said.

Oregon has received additional equipment and firefighters from Washington, California, New Mexico, Idaho, Montana, Oklahoma, Texas, Georgia, Colorado and Florida, and Kotek expects more wildfire fighters will arrive in the coming days.

"I cannot emphasize enough: This is a dynamic, fast-moving situation for our state, and we will continue to use every resource, every person that we can get our hands on, to fight these fires," she said.

Kotek could not provide details about whether or not the state would exceed its emergency wildfire budget, but indicated costs are adding up.

"I can say, it will be more expensive than the last fire season. I think that's a safe bet," she said.

Global issues with CrowdStrike security software taking down Microsoft systems has not impacted the agency's work or any wildfire response work in Oregon, Kotek said.

Teams from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office, Department of Forestry and the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management are working together to protect property and natural resources. Erin McMahon, director of the Department of Emergency Management, said there have been 88 evacuation orders across the state so far this summer.

"Our firefighters are working at all hours of the day and night, in conditions that are hard for many of us to fathom," Kotek said. "It's going to be a long wildfire season, and we need each and every one of them."

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Person.

July 22: 10:03: Crash, Non-Injury — Hwy. 126 E, Milepost 17.5. Troopers responded to a two-vehicle crash. Upon arrival, learned two vehicles were stopped in the roadway facing west. The front vehicle was turning left. A log truck was traveling westbound, came around the corner, could not stop in time and collided with one of the stopped vehicles. Minor injuries were reported, no one was transported to the hospital. A tow was called to remove the car from the ditch. The log truck driver was issued a citation for Violation of Basic Rule. Involved: white Volkswagen Tiguan, blue Western semi, 35-year-old male from Bend, 38-year-old male from Powell Butte.

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