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Sheriff's Report

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The West's Davy Crockett?

When he was 18 years old, Charbonneau met Duke Paul Wilhelm of Württemberg, who was on a tour of the American wilderness.

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Briefs...



The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is hosting webinars and a public meeting in August as part of the agency's process to chart a sustainable future for state hatcheries. A thorough review and assessment of 14 state-owned hatcheries was directed by the 2023 Oregon Legislature and conducted by third party contractors.

Webinars run from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. August 1, 8, and 15. Webinar details are available online; you must click the green "Register now" button for each webinar to attend. The webinars will be recorded and posted on ODFW's hatchery sustainability website.

During the webinars and public meeting, ODFW will share information from the assessments and hold discussions with attendees. Public input will [Hatcheries - Page 2](#)



The U.S. Postal Service is holding multiple job fairs in communities throughout the state — including events in Bend, Beaverton, and Eugene, Oregon — during August.

A postal job offers employees the ability to work where they live, good pay, stability, lifelong benefits and career advancement opportunities throughout the entire agency.

The Postal Service continues to look for energetic new hires with the goal to fill hundreds of positions throughout Oregon. No appointment is necessary to [Postal Service - Page 2](#)



The Lane Transit District (LTD), the Eugene Public Library, Lane Community College (LCC), and the City of Eugene have partnered to present the Ride, Read & Rock the Block Party in downtown Eugene on Friday, August 2, from 4 to 8 p.m.

This free, family-friendly event at the corners of 10th Avenue and Olive Street will feature face painting, book reading on an electric bus, book bag coloring, button making, a live remote broadcast from 104.7 KDUK from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and more. Food and beverages from local food trucks will [Block Party - Page 2](#)

Entering an age of forever fires?

Little relief expected before the return of autumn rainfall

BLUE RIVER: A controlled burn that reignited on Forest Service land near Blue River grew to over 1,400 acres this week. Its cause, which officials say is suspicious, won't be available until this fall.

During a public meeting last Tuesday, McKenzie District Ranger Darren Cross outlined how the Ore Fire developed after the 39-acre project was completed on June 10th.

It had been out for a month when area temperatures began to rise to the 100-degree range last month. When "smokes" began to appear on July 5th, Cross said at least one engine per day was sent to the area to douse hot spots. That response was then boosted by 3 engines and a 20-man hand crew that eventually put from 50,000 to 100,000 gallons of water on the ground.

On July 14th, it was



Branches, logs, and other accumulations of burnable material are now testing in the 8% moisture range, down from the typical 13 to 18 percentages, according to Forest Ownbey.

determined that all the outbreaks had squelched.

"Three days later suspicious smokes began to appear early in the morning," Cross said. Part of those suspicions were related to "good access to the area, continued thefts, and a lot of activity up

there," he added.

By Tuesday, 310 personnel, 6 engines, 5 hand crews, 3 dozers, 19 water tenders, 8 masticators, and 4 feller bunchers were on the scene and had contained 29 percent of the blaze. Officials say challenges they face include steep

and rugged terrain, rolling rocks and debris, and fire-weakened trees.

"The driving force on the fire has been the topography out there," explains fire behavior analyst Forest Ownbey. Other key components that contribute to fires are weather and fuels (vegetation, sticks, and brush).

"On this fire, we haven't had a lot of wind, which is a big factor in driving fires," Ownbey says.

Also helping to limit the Ore Fire's growth is that it has been mostly burning at higher elevations. "The fire has actually been on the knob and nacking down," he added. "If it gets to the bottom of a slope and goes up, it will grow faster and be more intense."

This week fire activity was moderated by scattered showers. Crews removed hazardous trees

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Into two wheels?

Aufderheide Drive fills the bill

Plans to add Aufderheide Drive (US Forest Road 19) to the Oregon Scenic Bikeway program are moving forward. At a July meeting at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, Connor Nolan provided updates on the project.

Nolan, destination development manager for Travel Lane County is the lead proponent of a group that includes the McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce, cycling enthusiasts, area businesses, and other supporters. It aims to focus on "a hard corps cycling audience to come from afar to experience the Aufderheide," he said. "They are known to have a

lot of discretionary income — both investing in their bikes but also as tourists going to restaurants as well as places to stay."

Aufderheide's appeal, he said, includes its spectacular views of mountains, lakes, waterfalls, creeks, and rivers. It's also felt the designation could further attract visitors, boost local businesses, and encourage everyone to explore the outdoors by bike.

Other details Nolan outlined included criteria [Aufderheide Drive - Page 10](#)



If approved, Aufderheide Drive could join the McKenzie Pass as one of twenty Oregon's Scenic Bikeways.

House in Rainbow burns

Blaze broke out on Sunday



RAINBOW: Last Sunday was a busy day for the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Department. At approximately 8:13 p.m. a call came in for a house fire on the corner of Mill Creek Road and McKenzie River Drive. One minute later a second caller reported a fall injury occurred at a separate location on McKenzie River Drive, followed by a third call at 8:27 p.m. for a possible stroke nearby.

When firefighters arrived on the scene, heavy smoke

and flames were visible from the second floor and the homeowners were not there.

To fight the fire, Upper McKenzie responded with 10 volunteers in 2 Engines, 1 tender, 2 medical vehicles, and one command vehicle. Due to the complexity of the fire mutual aid was requested from McKenzie Fire and Rescue, Eugene and Springfield Fire, Mohawk Valley Fire, Pleasant Hill/Goshen Fire, Oregon [House burns - Page 10](#)

Letters to the Editor

Remember your pet

As parts of Oregon have gone more than two months without rain, conditions are optimal for wildfires. Even for areas not yet affected, things could change in an instant.

Preparing ahead of time can help ensure you have everything you need in the event of an evacuation. Pack a bag for yourself and one for your animal companions containing enough supplies to last for at least one week. Keep everything where it's easy to grab in a hurry.

For animals, include their medical records, food and water, bowls, medications, and a special toy or blanket. Remember litter and a litter box for cats. For sanitation purposes, pack newspapers, paper towels, and trash bags.

If you must evacuate, take your animals with you—leashing dogs and putting cats and other small animals in secure carriers, as frightened animals may bolt. Animals will almost certainly die if left behind.

Never leave animals tied up or confined. Fire, smoke, and falling debris can quickly turn deadly. Cut fences and open stalls to allow animals in corrals and barns at least a fighting chance to escape if there's absolutely no way to transport them to safety.

A bit of preparation today can save lives tomorrow.

Melissa Rae Sanger
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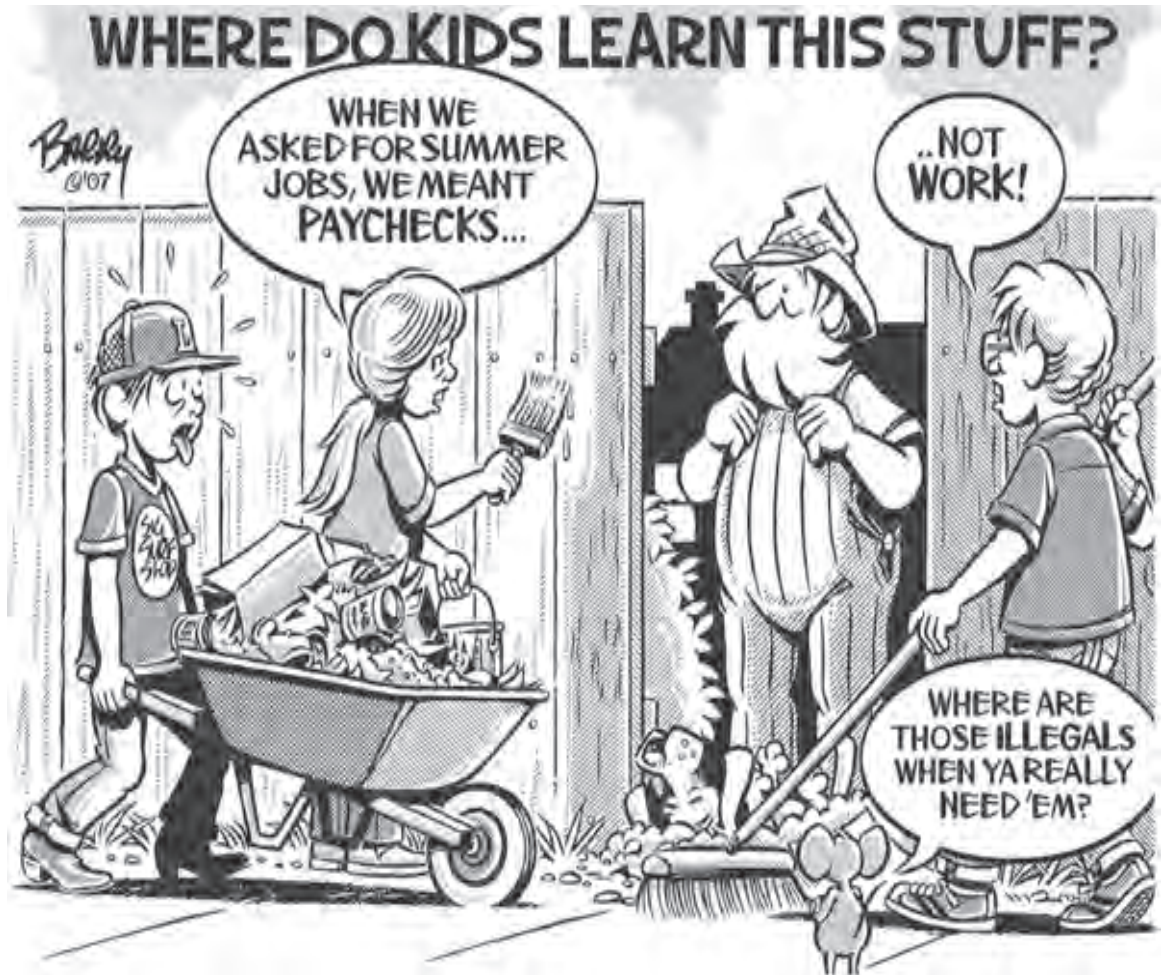
Zero-emissions? Not Really

When an Electric Vehicle is marketed as "zero-emission," consumers expect their car does not cause pollution, right? Well, in the case of zero-emission vehicles, the phrase only refers to "tailpipe exhaust emissions of certain pollutants or greenhouse gases," according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Many miss this fine print and buy EVs, believing they are helping the environment.

In reality, while removing the element of exhaust, EVs emit 20-26% more tire dust annually than gas cars due to their added battery weight.

That battery is lithium ion, which is both volatile and susceptible to catching fire. These fires emit toxic gas and burn so hot that they are difficult and dangerous to extinguish.

Building the components of an EV requires 84% more minerals than a gas car. This adds significantly to the outsourced emissions via mining. One such lithium mining operation in Chile used 65% of the region's water, leaving the inhabitants to find other water sources while causing contamination that killed animals and ruined farmland.



Consumers should be aware EVs are not "zero-emission" and do cause significant harm to the environment. I fear consumers are being misled by this term, so environmental regulators should stop requiring manufacturers to market EVs as "zero-emission" vehicles.

Cascade Policy Institute, Oregon's free market public policy research organization.

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help ODFW find a path forward to create a sustainable hatchery system. That system will need to address the current challenges of aging infrastructure, changing climate, and rising operating costs. A public meeting is set for Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at ODFW Salem headquarters in the Fish and Wildlife Commission room.

To join the Teams meeting online: Meeting ID: 269 641 611 001 Passcode: tFfMFm

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attend the events.

The Eugene session is set for Friday and Saturday, Aug. 2 & 3, Eugene Southside Station, 30 E.

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be available for purchase at the event.

Block Party attendees are encouraged to use LTD or its partners in public transit to get to the event. People can download the Umo Mobility app, plan their trip and purchase bus fare in advance.

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Guest Opinion

Lawmakers should consider: Flavored tobacco products hook teens early, often for life

By Kasen Shi

As a student at Lake Oswego Junior High, I first learned about tobacco, smoking and e-cigarettes. It was viewed as a fun but costly activity to do with friends.

Then in the seventh-grade, my health teacher warned us of the dangers of smoking. I remember looking at my friend and laughing. Who would knowingly poison themselves?

Now, as I prepare to become a high school senior, I understand why many young people become addicted to tobacco: It is sold in a wide variety of flavors that appeal to kids. It is promoted as a stress reliever, a recreational activity, and above all, it is the new norm for many my age. Companies target unsuspecting youth with vibrant packaging and flavors that mask tobacco's taste, a marketing device designed to downplay the dangers while cultivating the perfect audience for their products.

Flavors, especially for youth, are tools to hook us, too often for life. Flavors hide the foul taste of tobacco but also the realism of the damage done every time my friends take a hit. Whether that be

traditional cigarettes or the dangerous e-cigarette, the threat is real. No teen craves the flavor of tobacco. But pineapple ice? Birthday cake?

It's simple. What's thought of as a one-time activity very quickly cascades into a spiral of addiction. Kids and teens don't understand the depth of what they're getting themselves into when they take their first hit. It's time for a future in which Oregonian youth can reach adulthood without the pressures of tobacco marketing and use.

Oregon lawmakers have had multiple opportunities to get flavored tobacco products out of our communities. House Bill 3090 would have eliminated sales of flavored tobacco products in Oregon, but fell just short in the 2023 legislative session because of the walkout.

But now lawmakers are under renewed pressure to act. Multiple city councils, county commissions and agencies across the state have asked for action, with Deschutes County just this week calling for an end of the sale of flavored tobacco products and urging the Legislature to take up the issue in next year's session. The Klamath County Board of Commissioners and the Klamath Falls City School District have made a similar ap-

peal, joining at least 10 other jurisdictions that have passed resolutions - Salem, Lake Oswego, Newport among them - and seven more are currently in that process, including Eugene, Benton County and Clatsop County.

I can personally attest to the severity of this issue. Friends and peers are entrapped into a cycle of use and, by the time they realize, it feels like it is too late. Ask any high schooler you know, and I guarantee they will have dozens of encounters they'd be willing to share.

While I don't believe it is ever too late for someone to ask for help, those who do often face a harsh and long recovery, including social pressures, unwanted family attention and possible disciplinary consequences. That's why many never ask for help.


My friends and peers who use these products are not evil. Too many generalizations are made about victims of addiction from both adults and fellow students. We need to get educated about the threat of the products and the necessary steps for prevention.

This is precisely why I'm advocating for ending the sale of flavored tobacco products through the Lake Oswego Youth Leadership Council. It's my hope that my work can help at least one person quit using flavored tobacco.

I have had friends tell me that
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McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 5% chance precip High: 95 Low: 59	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 0% chance precip High: 85 Low: 54	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 10% chance precip High: 91 Low: 58	Santiam Pass Partly Cloudy 5% chance precip High: 79 Low: 51	McKenzie Valley Sunny 5% chance precip High: 95 Low: 57	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 15% chance precip High: 82 Low: 51

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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
7/23	51	86	0	7/23	81	49	0 2,250 cfs
7/24	NA		304 cfs	7/24	87	49	0 2,310 cfs
7/25	NA		309 cfs	7/25	85	58	0 2,280 cfs
7/26	NA		309 cfs	7/26	80	43	0 2,140 cfs
7/27	NA		304 cfs	7/27	82	49	0 2,100 cfs
7/28	NA		309 cfs	7/28	85	55	0 2,040 cfs
7/29	NA		309 cfs	7/29	27	54	0 2,020 cfs

Sheriff's Report

July 18: 10:11 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 89800 block, Hill Rd. Deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of a fire. the vehicle left before deputies arrived.

July 19: 12:20: a.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 89000 blk, Bridge St. A gray SUV or hatchback was seen driving in the area before the occupants stopped and appeared to look into houses in the area. A deputy patrolled the area but did not locate the vehicle.

2:28 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 49700 blk, McK. Hwy. Deputies responded to a physical dispute. no injuries were reported.

10:33 a.m: Suspicious Subject - Marcola Rd. & Hill Rd. A disoriented-looking subject was reportedly pushing a shopping cart full of wood down the road. A deputy patrolled the area, but was unable to locate him.

1:36 p.m: Fraud - 37200 blk, Tree Farm Rd. A resident received fraudulent notices and phone calls, but did not loose any money.

July 22: 1:11 p.m: Hit & Run - 35900 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Self report regarding a hit and run that caused property damage.

July 23: 12:33 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 56200 blk, delta Dr.

2:12 p.m: Burglary - 49900 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:59 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 39500 blk, Walterville Ln.

5:17 p.m: Vicious Dog - 90600 blk, Sunderman Rd.

5:40 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 37100 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

July 24: 3:43 p.m: Assist Fire Department - Lat: 44.18262. Long: -121.91638.

5:09 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 46000 blk, N. Gate Creek Rd.

5:42 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 90200 blk, Huckleberry Ln.

6:19 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 54700 blk, Caddis Ln.

9:30 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

July 25: 2:07 a.m: Illegal Burn - McK. Hwy. Milepost 45.

2:14 a.m: Reckless Driving - Lat: 44.092448. Long: -122.714689.

11:10 a.m: Citizen Contact - Blue River area.

4:14 p.m: Alarm - 37000 blk, Conley Rd.

7:45 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Mp. 25.

8:57 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 55600 blk, McK. River Dr.

July 26: 11:29 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 47700 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:57 p.m: Reckless Driving -

Bridge St. & Deerhorn Rd.

8:29 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Camp Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

10:27 p.m: Disorderly Party - Storment Ln. & Partridge Ln.

July 27: 7:54 a.m: Citizen Contact - 91700 blk, Blue River Reservoir Rd.

11:37 a.m: Foot Patrol - Cascade View staging area.

3:18 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Potter Ln.

4:38 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:28 p.m: Suspicious Subject - 8600 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:37 p.m: Welfare Check - 90300 blk, Shadows Dr.

7:40 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 36300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

9:20 p.m: Loud Noise - Partridge Ln. & McK. Hwy.

9:07 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 51100 blk, Blue River Dr.

9:20 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Partridge Ln. & McK. Hwy.

July 29: 11:40 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - 36300 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

1:56 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 39000 blk, Hendricks Park Rd.

5:42 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 54800 blk, McK. River Dr.

6:55 p.m: Restraining Order Service - 91700 blk, Blue River

Reservoir 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 28: 04:52: Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 33. Troopers were told the driver fled on foot and the passenger was given a ride by a friend. Trooper responded hours later due to priority calls and contacted the passenger at a nearby residence. The passenger admitted she was the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle. The driver was issued a citation violation and stated she would arrange the tow. Involved: black Volkswagen Jetta, 18-year-old female from Springfield.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

July 22: 10:01: McK. Hwy./Holden Creek Ln. West. Motor Vehicle Accident - Blocking, Non-Injury..

12:58: 90000 block, Greenwood Dr. Unauthorized Equipment. Advised Homeowner.

15:14: 35000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Illegal Burning. Cancel Assignment.

15:14: 50000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

July 23: 1:03: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

July 24: 15:30: Medical - Linton Lake Trailhead. Female patient.

July 25: 02:03: Reckless Burning - McK. Hwy./Milepost 45. Fire is 6-8 ft tall. Appears to be a transient with a vehicle who is camping.

July 26: 11:37: Medical - 55000 block, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

16:59: Subject Down - McK. Hwy./Mp. 41. Male lying on the side of the road, unknown if injured.

July 27: 23:32: Medical - 59000 blk, N. Belknap Springs Rd. Patient was passed out.

July 28: 20:09: Medical - 55000 blk, McK. River Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

20:11: House Fire - Mill Creek Rd./McK. River Dr. Top level of house is on fire.

20:23: Medical - 54000 blk, Caddis Ln. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

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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Sacagawea's baby grew up to be the Davy Crockett of the West

By Finn J.D. John

It's really easy, looking back at history, to think stuff was "meant to be."

When we look back at how the American West was incorporated into the nation, we see it was shaped in the spirit of Manifest Destiny. We see settlers from the east moving out and seizing big chunks of Indian lands, claiming it was God's will and pointing to the pandemics that were decimating the tribes as a sort of Old Testament-style confirmation of their status as God's chosen new landowners.

The course of Western history was set by a president, Andrew Jackson, a ruthless individualist who considered Indian lives to be relatively unimportant and pushed a national policy of straight-up ethnic cleansing. Indians would be forced to either move onto reservations far away, or integrate into mainstream society as second-class citizens.

Settlers wouldn't officially get free land from the government for several decades; but by the time they did, with the Civil War raging, eastern settlers would be all over the West, staking and defending claims and calling upon soldiers to enforce them. The stark difference between whites "blessed by God" and Natives "cursed by God" encouraged a deep-seated fixation on race that the country has struggled with ever since.

But it didn't have to be that way; and, until Jackson's presidency, it wasn't. Indian tribes like the Cherokee and the Seminole lived on their own sovereign lands, like self-governing enclaves. Many of them were adopting the lifestyle of their European-descended neighbors, setting up farms and blacksmith shops and small country towns just like everyone else in the post-Plymouth Rock New World.

This was the vision of Indian relations that most people held during the presidency of Thomas Jefferson. And this was what Jefferson thought America would look like after the Louisiana Purchase. The Lewis and Clark expedition was not surveying land or cruising timber. It was Jefferson's envoys to the Indian nations that lived in the West, and the formerly French and Spanish colonies there.

Jefferson thought westward expansion would follow the same pattern he was familiar with. Settlement would flow out and around the tribes' ancestral lands, respecting their boundaries and



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A hand-tinted postcard, circa 1915, depicting the statue of Sacagawea and baby Baptiste, unveiled for the first time at the Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland in 1905. Today it still stands in Washington Park.

becoming their neighbors. So one of the most important tasks for the Corps of Discovery was to make contact with as many Indian nations as possible, and establish good relations with them, so that they could be incorporated Cherokee-style into the new nation as full sovereign peoples.

Which is a big part of why Toussant and Sacagawea Charbonneau were in the party.

Toussant, a French-Canadian mountain man, spoke several Indian languages. His wife, a Shoshone woman who had been kidnapped at birth by a rival Hidatsa tribe, spoke several more. Chances were pretty good that between them they could communicate with most of the Indian nations they'd encounter.

It worked very well indeed. Plus, Sacagawea was pregnant. She was like a walking, talking proof of the Corps of Discovery's good intentions. No war party or gang of raiders brings a pregnant lady along.

But pregnancies end. And so, in a birch-bark canoe at Fort Mandan

in what's now North Dakota, Jean-Baptiste "Pomp" Charbonneau was born.

Pomp Charbonneau accompanied the Corps of Discovery on its entire voyage, out to Oregon and back to St. Louis. Out of the entire Lewis and Clark expedition, he would be the only member who would ever set foot in the Oregon territory again — and he's actually buried there.

Charbonneau was the kind of man Thomas Jefferson envisioned leading the America he was trying to shape. He was, almost literally, a frontier renaissance man. He had a first-class education, had visited the important cultural centers of Europe, spoke eight or 10 languages both European and Indian, and by his métis heritage represented a sort of cultural exchange between the former colonies of the Eastern Seaboard and the Indian nations of the West.

A picture of him — or, rather, a picture of a baby that's supposed to be him — is on the ill-starred "golden dollar" coin released a few dozen years ago to replace the even-more-ill-starred Susan B. Anthony dollar. It's the only picture of an infant ever to appear on American money. One of the scenic landmarks of the Rocky Mountains, Pompey's Pillar, is named after him.

Yet today nobody has any idea what he looked like. For such a literate fellow, he seems to have written almost nothing beyond official documents. He drifts through American history like a frontier ghost, and half the stories you'll hear about his life have been made up to fill the more enticing holes in what we actually know.

Here's what we do know: After returning from the expedition, William Clark kinda-adopted the little guy and made sure he got as close to a first-class education as you could get in early-1800s St. Louis — which actually was better than you might think.

When he was 18 years old, Charbonneau met Duke Paul Wilhelm of Württemberg, who was on a tour of the American wilderness. When the duke returned to Europe, the lad went with him. No one knows the specifics, but we do know he wasn't an exotic-specimen exhibit and he didn't function as Duke Paul's servant. Most likely, he was an exotic and interesting friend and traveling companion, filling a role similar to that of the character of Hadji on "Jonny Quest."

(Sources: *Sacagawea's Child*, a book by Susan Colby published in 2004 by Arthur H. Clark Co.; "Sacagawea's Son," an article by Albert Furtwangler published in the winter 2001 issue of *Oregon Historical Quarterly*; *The Fate of the Corps*, a book by Larry E. Morris published in 2004 by Yale Press; *The Other Side of Oregon*, a book by Ralph Friedman published in 1993 by Caxton Press.)

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By Slim Randles

There's something so satisfying about getting out of bed when the world is still dark and quiet and resting. Making the coffee gives us time to scratch and think. Well, scratch, anyway. Most of that thinking will start after about the third cup of coffee.

But it's a quiet time. A private time. When the world is dark, and there isn't yet a hint of pink over the eastern mountains, it's very good. We can relax. No one is expecting anything from us right now. Our guilt can take some time off, and we can listen to music or work a crossword puzzle or turn on the TV and watch the weather guy discuss millibars and troughs.

Soon enough, we'll have to be out there living for others: our bosses, our customers, our animals, our fields. But right now no one needs us except the dog, and she does well on kibbles and an ear rump.

We can look out the window at the eastern glow and wonder what will happen in the hours until our world turns dark again. People will be born and people will die. People will win honors and people will go to jail. People will create things today that live past them and people will disappear forever. Some people will write about these things and other people will read about these things.

And then the world will go dark on us again and we'll think about what happened in our tiny portion of this huge moving amalgam and hopefully we'll sleep easily tonight. Then, when we arise tomorrow and head for the coffee pot, we can think about what happened today, and how it has made us slightly different for taking on the next tomorrow.

Come to us, Daylight. Bring us the new day. But do it gently, please, and slowly enough for one more cup.

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"The jury consist of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer."

Robert Frost

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Gardening Tips

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Drought-tolerant landscape plants



Neill Bell

By Heather Stoven and Neil Bell
 Western Oregon gardens and landscapes can flourish without summer irrigation - when you choose the right plants. Drought-tolerant plants include Oregon natives from summer-dry upland sites, as well as flora from Mediterranean regions of the world. The benefits of growing plants without supplemental irrigation include saving money on an irrigation system and water, as well as the environmental benefits of conserving water. Up to 30% of yearly household water use is estimated to be used for irrigating landscapes, therefore reducing summer watering can lead to substantial savings.
 Planting drought-tolerant landscape plants, including those that survive without irrigation, saves water and helps to protect the environment. However, it is important to do so thoughtfully and with appropriate site preparation and location. Before selecting plants, review the key characteristics for success with an unirrigated landscape.
 Most landscapes have both sunny and shady areas and plants should be selected that can tolerate these conditions. In some ways, sunny areas, though they are hotter, are easier to landscape as many drought tolerant plants are best grown in full sun. The plants highlighted in this series were

grown in full sun, therefore, these plants will do best when grown in these conditions. For shady areas, ensure that your choices tolerate both drought and shade. Sun loving plants planted in shade will not thrive!
 Planting areas that slope south or west will be warmer than those that face north or east. In addition, rain landing on sloped areas is less likely to be absorbed into the soil, instead moving off site and reducing water availability during the dry season.
 Planting adjacent to existing trees and shrubs can cause problems because of competition for water. The root systems of these plants may make it harder to dig planting holes. The larger the plant and the closer it is to your new landscape, the more problematic this might be.
 If your landscape is near a south or west-facing wall, that will potentially increase the heat load, especially for those planted nearest the wall. Plants that are from Mediterranean climates, like many plant species in our trials, can appreciate the extra heat and will perform better in this environment than many of the typically used landscape plants.
 The quality of your soil will impact how well your plants establish and grow. It's worth taking a soil sample to be analyzed for important measures of soil quality including pH, organic matter

content and major nutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, magnesium, and calcium. If the soil is very compacted when you attempt to dig (for example, from construction activity in new homes), this problem should be addressed by digging the entire area to be planted to alleviate the compaction. Also, areas where water stands after it rains will be a problem for almost all landscape plants, so installation of drain tile or other means to improve drainage should be taken.

Soils such as these, that have been compacted or are deficient in major nutrients, or which have a texture with high amounts of clay or sand, should be also amended prior to planting. Organic matter, which is both living and dead things which are being decomposed, such as roots, leaves and soil organisms, can improve soil quality when added to soil. Organic matter accomplishes this by providing nutrients, habitat for soil organisms, holding water, and making soil more workable. Mixing plant residues, aged manure, or compost into the soil will increase soil organic matter. Ultimately, this improves soil structure and makes it a better environment for all your landscape plants.

The best time to plant an unirrigated landscape is in the autumn after fall rains begin. If the soil is not yet moist from fall rains, or if the rain is not consistent, supplemental irrigation immediately after planting will be necessary. Access to a hose bib and watering system may be necessary in this situation. The plants will be able to establish during the cool, wet season and will not need supplemental irrigation the following summer. If you plant in the spring or summer, supplemental irrigation will be needed the first growing season.

Mulch is helpful for weed control in any landscape, including un-irrigated ones. Mulch can be either an organic product, like bark products or yard debris compost. Or, you may choose to use an inorganic product, like gravel or lava rock. In the longer term, it's easiest to plan your landscape such that the canopy of your plants covers the landscaped area, eliminating the need for re-application of mulch and reducing weeds.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



THE SEASON FOR REUNIONS

Summertime means reunion time in many families. These may be large or small affairs, but provide an opportunity for family members to get together, reconnect, and reminisce

My mother-in-law told about gatherings of her maternal grandmother's family. We have a photograph of more than 100 people of all ages gathering in 1912. I recall attending, as a child, gatherings of my mom's family on Memorial Day (at a cousin's home) and July 4th (at the home where Mother grew up).

Thirty-five years ago, my husband's uncle decided the members of his father's extended family should congregate and get to know one another better. He did extensive research and gathered together more than 75 people, young and old, for a picnic in a park near his home.

My husband, his seven brothers and various cousins (first, second and third) are descended from a couple who came to the Boston area from New Brunswick, in the 1880s then spread out throughout the U.S. We continue this tradition and the last Saturday of July become the date for the annual Allen/McCracken reunion.

Games, exchange of news, sharing family history, displays

of memorabilia and photos, and a general good time was experienced by numerous generations until Covid disrupted these gatherings.

Now we gather again, but the various families hold their own smaller events although I try to keep in touch with many of the others online and continue to research the genealogy and organize the photos.

Sharing Recipes

At the Allen/McCracken reunion, many families brought favorite foods for a potluck table and shared the recipes. Several of us put together a cookbook several years ago.

BLUEBERRY MUFFINS from the Allen Cookbook

Sift together 1 3/4 cups sifted flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder, 3/4 teaspoon salt, Make well in center and add 1 well beaten egg, 3/4 cup milk and 1/3 cup salad oil or melted shortening. Stir quickly, only until dry ingredients are moistened. Stir in 1-cup blueberries.

Fill greased muffin pans or paper lined muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake at 400 degrees for about 25 minutes, or until muffins test done.

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(Mary Emma Allen researches and writes about family history from her New Hampshire home.)

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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

August 1

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.

August 2

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.

August 3

Dime At A Time

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

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 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 3

Waltherville Grange

The Waltherville Grange #416 will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 39259 Camp Creek Road. The first two monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday

August 6

Board of Commissioners

Lane County Board of Commissioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene. The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

August 3

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

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

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.

August 2

Watershed Wednesday

Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene,

from 9 - 11:30 a.m. to help care for this special area where the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers meet. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/tree establishment.

August 7

BR Water Board

The Blue River Water Board will meet from 6 to 7:15 p.m. in the administration building on the McKenzie Schools campus. A link to the virtual meeting is available at: blueriverwaterdistrict.co

August 7

BR Park Board

The Blue River Park Board will meet from 7:15 to 8 p.m. in the administration building on the McKenzie Schools campus. A link to the virtual meeting is available at: blueriverpark.com

August 8

Morning Meditation

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August 8

VMCC Board

The board of directors of the Vida McKenzie Community Center will meet at 4:30 p.m. at 90377 Thomson Lane in Vida.

August 8

McK Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed Council will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. I's mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable watershed health, function, and use. Location varies, please contact Melanie Giangreco, McKenzie Watershed Council Operations Assistant (458-201-8150) melanie@mckenziwec.org

August 9

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.

August 9

Second Friday Art Walk

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

August 10

Junk In Your Trunk

Ready to clear out some space and find new treasures? Join us at the McKenzie River Clinic for

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Sun. Morn. 9:30am;
web page: sblodge.opwest.org

McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church
Please join us for worship Sundays at 10:30 am, either in church on Hwy. 126 just east of Waltherville, or on our Facebook livestream. You may also make prayer requests, or request an emailed or earth-mailed bulletin -- phone or send email to Nancy Ashley, nancy.w.ashley@gmail.com, 541-914-1986. We would love to meet you!
Milepost 13 McKenzie Hwy. (541) 747-2604

Getting ready for winter



The Springfield School District started the Waltherville Berm project this spring with the goal of protecting the Elementary School and its infrastructure from flood waters from Potters Creek. The work was approved due to two flooding events that occurred in the last 15 years.

Officials say the berm is engineered to divert water back to the creek. While a majority of the work is completed, the District plans to reseed the area over the coming weeks. The total cost of the project was about \$45,000.

our Junk in Your Trunk Rummage Sale!

Load up your trunk and head over for a fun day of selling and buying. Everyone's welcome from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 54771 McKenzie Hwy. Got questions? Call us at (541) 822-3341. See you there.

August 10

Living River Day

Join the McKenzie River Trust from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene, and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds. If you're looking for a special place to connect to nature this year, join in the fun on the second Saturday's, March through December, and explore the Living Rivers in your backyard.

August 10

Dime At A Time

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August 12

Spfd School Board

The Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. Work sessions are generally held at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held in the Board Room of the Springfield Public Schools

Administration Building, 640 A Street in Springfield.

August 13

Board of Commissioners

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August 13

Tiny Dental Van

The Tiny Dental Van, sponsored by the Rural Oregon Outreach Program, will be at the Orchid McKenzie River Clinic, 54771 McKenzie Hwy, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A first visit will include a patient assessment, intraoral photos, teeth cleaning, charting, and X-Rays. Call 360-449-9500 or 800-525-6800 to schedule new patient appointments or teeth cleaning.

August 13

Chamber Tourism

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

August 13

Family Story Time

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friends hip.

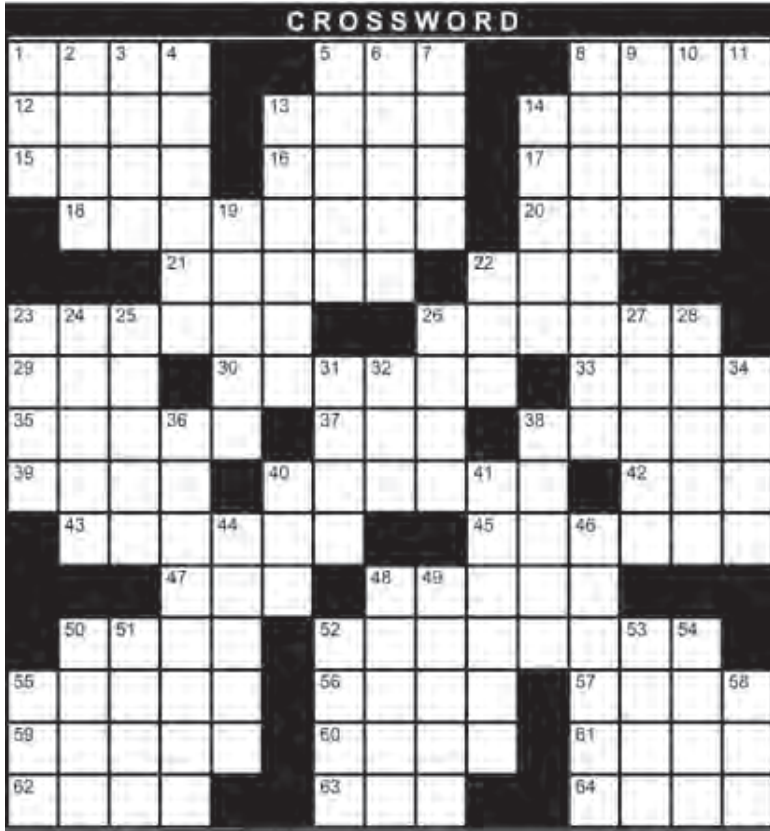
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- 42. Rip off
- 43. Sleeping sickness vector
- 45. Che Guevara's hat, pl.
- 47. Roman road
- 48. "And Then ____ Were None"
- 50. Hillside, in Scotland
- 52. *Home ringer
- 55. Raccoon's South American cousin
- 56. Debate side
- 57. Spring in a mattress
- 59. Ar, atomic number 18
- 60. Black-tie occasion
- 61. Golfer's aim
- 62. Group with pressure
- 63. Stallone
- 64. Semiprecious variety of agate

DOWN

- 1. Collector's goal
- 2. Kuwaiti, e.g.
- 3. ____ of Man
- 4. Shanty
- 5. Flower trunks
- 6. American Eagle's intimates brand
- 7. "Oh ____!"
- 8. *Edible button
- 9. "The Sun ____ Rises"
- 10. "The Lion King" villain
- 11. Olden day "your"
- 13. More asinine
- 14. City area
- 19. Bulwark
- 22. Ems follower
- 23. Aimless walk
- 24. "Bravo! Bravo!", e.g.
- 25. Pall ____ and ____ of America
- 26. Largest organ of human body
- 27. Mobutu Sese Seko's nation
- 28. Cereal killer
- 31. Land measure
- 32. ____-cha-cha
- 34. Wails
- 36. *Tall building people-mover
- 38. Of sour taste
- 40. All 50 states
- 41. Spanish airline
- 44. Make a logical connection (2 words)
- 46. Repeat an echo
- 48. Opposite of atonal
- 49. In a heated manner
- 50. Dull one
- 51. Angry display
- 52. Entertainingly eccentric people, Down Under
- 53. "On Golden Pond" bird
- 54. ____ of the valley
- 55. *A baseball one has a button on top
- 58. Lexington airport code

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- 8. Support for #1 Across
- 12. Gaelic language
- 13. Big-ticket ____
- 14. Flowerbed cover
- 15. Western Samoan money
- 16. Agrippina's slayer
- 17. Literature class homework
- 18. "The Curious Case of ____ Button"

- 20. God of thunder
- 21. Tight or rigid
- 22. Blunder
- 23. * ____ control
- 26. *Alarm clock delay
- 29. Edible tuber
- 30. Racecourses
- 33. Crew propellers
- 35. Often follows dark or back
- 37. ____-Town, or Chicago
- 38. Friend, south of the border
- 39. Singular of #25 Down

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber
(www.ricksteber.com)

August 3 - During the time of white settlement Chief Paulina was feared more than any other Indian of Central and Eastern Oregon. Paulina was thought to have been a Northern Paiute, a tribe that had inhabited the region for thousands of years. He fought the invasion of white settlers. Paulina was the leader of a band of renegades that made swift and daring raids on settlements and scattered ranches and homesteads. They drove away livestock and stole whatever they could carry, killing anyone who stood in their way. For nearly two decades Paulina evaded capture, and then one day in 1867, while driving a herd of stolen cattle, he was ambushed and killed. But the name of the renegade chief lives on in the white man's world. Today there are eight geographic features and a town named for Chief Paulina.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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- 7:04:** 40000 blk, Booth Kelly Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.
- 13:58:** 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist.
- 14:03:** 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.
- 16:19:** 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
- July 24: 8:16:** McK. Hwy./Milepost 13. MVA. Blocking, Non-Injury.
- 10:56:** 89000 blk, Bridge St Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
- 17:06:** 37000 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd. Medical, General. Disregarded En Route.
- July 25: 2:16:** Holden Creek Ln./Alexis Ave. MVA. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained., Scene Turned Over to LCSO.
- 5:56:** 89000 blk, Bridge St.

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Fishing Report

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

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

Fish Counts
September 14, Willamette Falls
Fall Chinook - 1,860
Summer Steelhead - 1,051

Medical, General. Disregarded En Route.

23:32: 37000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Heart Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

July 26: 17:04: McK. Hwy./Mp. 41. Mutual Aid. Disregarded En Route.

July 27: 3:38: 39000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

22:40: Mp. 18. McK. Hwy. MVA. Unable To Locate.

21:42: 89000 blk, Rippling Way Medical, Heart Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

22:40: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

July 28: 4:56: McK. Hwy./Mp. 31 MVA. Non-Injury/Non-Blocking.

12:57: 39000 blk, Deerhorn Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

15:40: 900 blk, 63rd St Medical, General. Disregarded.

20:24: 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Mutual Aid. Fire Attack, Overhaul.

20:23: 54000 blk, Caddis Ln. Mutual Aid. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported

20:42: McK. Hwy./Mp. 38 Down Lines. Communication Line Found Down; Lane Electric on Scene.

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.

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AUGUST 2024

Paris. Paris, France. City of light; city of love; city of endless fascination, beautiful iconic buildings, tumultuous history - and currently - city of the 2024 Summer Olympics. Wow! If you didn't love Paris before this, you are about to fall hopelessly in love with her now.

Can you imagine : striding past the Eiffel Tower on a morning training run; or having a "shoot-around" on an outdoor basketball court in full view of the Arch de Triumph and Notre Dame Cathedral; or rowing silently down the Seine at dawn in your 8-man shell synchronizing the swing of the oars to the rhythm of the coxswain's call.

I got thinking about that last thing as I was reading "The Boys In The Boat" by Daniel Brown, a must read for anyone who loves luminous writing that leaves you breathless at the end of nearly every paragraph. You do not have to know anything about the sport of rowing to become immersed in this story. Brown grabs your attention immediately and his writing whisks you away to another place and time, as though you were actually there.

It is the true story of the University of Washington's rowing team who, in 1936, went to the Summer Olympic Games in Germany to vie for gold against the world's most talented oarsmen - and against a German leader who was about to release his despicable form of hatred upon the world.

It is about those eight men who, having finally mastered "the elusive swing", rowed spectacularly as one in a perfectly crafted hollow shell, and in the process, brought home not only gold medals, but more importantly great honor to their university, to their country, and to themselves.

The story evolves through the life of one of the eight, Joe Rantz, who despite being abandoned by his family at the age of 15, never gave up on himself. He survived by his wits and his determination, worked his way through UW doing odd jobs wherever he could find them, and earned his place on the rowing team through sheer courage and the desire to belong somewhere.

Over the course of three years, Joe and the others learned what it took to be a team, to be the best, to win; and they began to learn what it took to be good men.

At a particularly low point in

Joe's life, George Pocock, the Englishman who built the shells for the university, invited Joe into his workshop. There he began to talk about the wood, the tools, the boats, and life. "Pocock pulled out a thin sheet of cedar, flexed the wood, and talked about the camber and the life it imparted to a shell when wood was put under tension. He talked about the underlying strength of the individual fibers in cedar and how their resilience gave the wood its ability to bounce back. The ability to yield, to bend, to give way, to accommodate was sometimes a source of strength in men as well, as long as it was helmed by inner resolve and by principle."

It was the first of many conversations between these two, conversations that made a huge difference in Joe's attitude toward his teammates and in his willingness to put his trust in them.

By the time the Washington Eight showed up in Berlin in 1936, they were ready; they had found their "swing", they were 'rowing in perfect, flawless harmony, as if they were forged together.'

You know how the story ends. But you don't know how beautifully the telling of it is in Daniel Brown's hands. When he describes a race, you can feel the splash of the oars striking the water; your muscles burn right along with the crew's; and you can see the way the river looks at dawn just before the sun comes up.

We are given a remarkable

glimpse into the nearly impossible demands of the sport of rowing, and the stamina and resolve that are necessary for a team like this one to achieve what they accomplished.

We learn how these working-class, small-town boys finally overcame whatever inner demons they had in order to pull together to beat Hitler's touted German team at that crucial time in world history.

The boys in the boat are all gone now. But there remains one survivor: the Husky Clipper, the shell rowed by the boys themselves. She hangs in the shellhouse on the UW campus, 'suspended from the ceiling, a graceful needle of cedar and spruce, her red and yellow woodwork gleaming under small spotlights.'

Every fall, a new crop of freshmen gathers under her and listens to the freshman coach tell them how difficult the sport is, and how not many of them will stick it out till the end. But then he tells them about the honor of rowing for Washington and the legacy of those who have gone before. He calls their attention to the Husky Clipper, - and 'begins to tell the story.'

The 33rd Olympiad began this week. Rowing will be one of the sports covered by the media. What a grand time to read "The Boys In The Boat," and to remember them. I know where you can find a copy!

I'll see you at the library.

Marty Mealey, Director
P.S. George Clooney made a movie of parts of this book. I guess he didn't like it as it was written because he wasn't true to the characters, among other things. And he completely missed the spirit of the story. I don't recommend it.

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OR high schools to require financial literacy classes



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While many Oregon high schools already have personal finance course requirements, a mandate will go statewide, starting in 2027.

By Mason Kennedy
Oregon News Service

Oregon high schoolers in the class of 2027 can expect a new financial literacy course on their schedules.

The class on personal finance, along with a class on career preparation, will be required for graduation after the Oregon School Board sided with legislators this summer. Opponents of the requirement included teachers unions and school boards, who wanted the lessons to be integrated into other classes.

Pam Leavitt, senior vice president of political programs and legislative affairs for the GoWest Credit Union Association, said the skills are important enough to focus on in separate courses.

"It's not an area of focus within the schools that should be done in an elective," Leavitt argued. "Every single student should graduate and understand their personal finances."

Leavitt cited a 2023 survey from the National Financial Educators Council, which found more than 60% of adults in the U.S. had lost at least \$500 during the year due to lack of knowledge about

personal finance, with the average loss over \$1,500 dollars. She believes the required courses should help students avoid mistakes she often sees working with financial institutions.

Leavitt works with credit unions across the West and noted she has seen recent graduates struggle with credit cards, home loans and student debt. Not every person has the resources to learn about budgeting on their own, so she is convinced the course requirements will help students of all backgrounds to achieve financial security.

"This is what was lacking when students were graduating," Leavitt contended. "They need these basic life skills and every student in our state needs them."

While school requirements have varied over the years, Leavitt pointed out Oregon credit unions have worked to fill in the gaps by providing financial assistance when possible. Oregon joins more than two dozen other states in requiring a financial literacy course to graduate.

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House burns

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Department of Forestry, and Lane County Sheriffs.

The fire took roughly 30+ personnel nearly 4 hours to extinguish and required nearly 15,000 gallons of water to extinguish. The house was a total loss but several key rooms on the lower level were able to be saved. The cause of the fire is still to be determined and the estimated value of the damage was estimated at \$300,000.

"Calls like these require a lot of different personnel to help and Upper McKenzie is always looking for more volunteers to help within our community," notes Upper McKenzie Fire Department Chief Joel Zeni. "A huge thank you to all our volunteers, mutual aid partners, and community members for their help."

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How well does tree planting work in climate change fight?

It depends, according to recent OSU research

Using trees as a cost-effective tool against climate change is more complicated than simply planting large numbers of them, an international collaboration that includes an Oregon State University scientist has shown.

Jacob Bukoski of the OSU College of Forestry and seven other researchers synthesized data from thousands of reforestation sites in 130 countries and found that roughly half the time it's better just to let nature take its course.

Findings of the study led by Conservation International were published today in *Nature Climate Change*.

"Trees can play a role in climate change mitigation, for multiple reasons," Bukoski said. "It's pretty easy to understand that forests pull carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store it, and trees are something pretty much everyone can get behind – we have seen multiple bipartisan acts for tree planting introduced in Congress. This study brings a nuanced perspective to the whole 'should we plant trees to solve climate change' debate."

Bukoski notes that expanding forests globally has been widely proposed as a key tactic against climate change since forests sequester atmospheric carbon dioxide in their biomass and soils. Harvested timber also stores carbon in the form of wood products.

There are two basic approaches to forest expansion, Bukoski said.

"Generally speaking, we can let forests regenerate on their own, which is slow but cheap, or take a more active approach and plant them, which speeds up growth but is more expensive," he said. "Our study compares these two approaches across reforestable landscapes in low- and middle-income countries, identifying where naturally regenerating or planting forests is likely to make more sense."

Using machine learning and regression models, the scientists found that natural regeneration



A mixed use landscape in Brazil with potential for restoration, photo by Jacob Bukoski

would be most cost effective over a 30-year period for 46% of the areas studied, and planting would be most cost effective for 54%.

They also determined that using a combination of the two approaches across all areas would be 44% better than natural regeneration alone and 39% better than planting by itself.

"If your objective is to sequester carbon as quickly and as cheaply as possible, the best option is a mix of both naturally regenerating forests and planting forests," Bukoski said.

The study suggests that natural regeneration is especially cost effective relative to plantation forestry in much of western Mexico, the Andean region, the Southern Cone of South America, West and Central Africa, India, Southern China, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Conversely, plantations are preferable to natural regeneration in much of the Caribbean, Central America, Brazil, northern China, mainland Southeast Asia, the Philippines and North, East and Southern Africa.

"Which method is more cost effective in a given location is a function of multiple factors, including opportunity cost, relative carbon accumulation and harvest

rates, and relative implementation costs," Bukoski said.

Other scientists in the collaboration were Jonah Busch and Bronson Griscom of Conservation International, Susan Cook-Patton of The Nature Conservancy, David Kaczan of the World Bank, Yuyan Yi of Peking University, Jeff Vincent of Duke University and Matthew Potts of the University of California, Berkeley.

The authors stress that reforestation is a complement to, not a replacement for, reducing emissions from fossil fuels. Achieving the entire mitigation potential of reforestation over 30 years would amount to less than eight months of global greenhouse gas emissions, they note.

The authors add that carbon is just one consideration when growing trees. Biodiversity, demand for wood products, support of local livelihoods, and non-carbon biophysical effects must also be considered when deciding where and how to reforest landscapes.

But they also point out that their findings suggest reforestation offers far more potential low-cost climate abatement than has been previously estimated.

Guest Opinion

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were it not for the flavors, they would be less inclined to use them and might even drop them all together. Many others would never have started. Data from the National Institutes of Health shows that 80% of youth who consume tobacco use flavored products, and 75% say they'd quit if they weren't flavored.

My advocacy is about protecting my 6-year-old neighbor who doesn't know what an e-cig is. It's about making sure his dad can feel safe dropping him off at school every morning and it's for the hundreds of thousands of other families who face this threat. Early death is a clear consequence of tobacco use, a fact that can be hard to come to grips with when you are in junior high.

Lawmakers have the ability to end the sale of all flavored tobacco products in the state. They have heard from us, and they have seen

the damage themselves in their own schools. Thousands of kids have gotten hooked as we wait for their next opportunity to act. Corporate tobacco's profit model diminishes children's lives, their health, their happiness. That simply cannot be acceptable for anybody who cares about the future of Oregon.

Kasen Shi will be a senior at Lake Oswego High School during the 2024-25 school year. He also is a member of the Lake Oswego Youth Leadership Council and a volunteer with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

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Aufderheide Drive

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for the scenic bikeway designation and plans for marketing the route that would include ways for local business to expand their exposure to potential customers.

If all goes well and the designation is approved, a ribbon-cutting event could be held next spring.

For more information, contact Nolan at connor@eugenecascadescoast.org

Watch a video at: tinyurl.com/3rvhsm2m

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Emergency? Call 911

Climate change a growing public health threat in Oregon, but state adapting

The latest Climate and Health in Oregon report shows health impacts of heat, smoke and drought are rising, but some state investments are paying off

By Alex Baumhardt
Oregon Capital Chronicle
More Oregonians are suffering from respiratory, heart and mental health issues caused by extreme weather events linked to climate change, and rural, elderly and minority communities are being hit the hardest, a new state report found.

But new investments in portable air conditioners, home air filtration systems and gardens and green spaces are helping lessen the effects, according to the Oregon Health Authority's latest Climate and Health in Oregon report.

Analyzing 2023, officials found that more people statewide than expected visited emergency rooms for respiratory illnesses and excessive heat effects and that people suffered mentally from natural disasters long after they occurred. The effect of poor air quality caused by wildfires was especially acute among the elderly, rural people and Oregonians of color. American Indians, Alaska Natives, Black residents, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders were twice as likely to visit a health care facility for an air-quality related respiratory illness than the statewide average, according to the report.

But since the first annual report came out in 2020, as mandated by an executive order under former Gov. Kate Brown, the Legislature has invested in programs to help Oregonians adapt.

By 2030, the health authority aims to reduce smoke-related respiratory visits to emergency departments by 20%, heat-related hospitalizations by 60% and heat-related deaths by 70%.

To achieve the state targets, the 2023 Legislature allocated nearly \$100 million to pay for climate adaptation and health resilience programs. This includes improving access to green spaces and healthy and sustainable foods and paying for home air filters and air conditioners. The health authority is also charged with educating the public about climate risks and modernizing health services to respond to climate challenges.

"Climate change poses a significant and growing threat to public health," agency Director Sejal Hathi and Cara Biddlecom, the agency's interim public health director, said in a letter in the re-



Wildfires in September 2020 burned 1.2 million acres and caused unhealthy air quality in many parts of the state for days.

port. "We can accept nothing less than building a public health system equipped, resourced and coordinated to prevent, mitigate and adapt to the health impacts of climate change."

Smoke-related emergency room visits and hospitalizations for asthma are expected to add nearly \$100 million to Oregon health care costs by the 2050s, according to the report.

Hottest year on record
Globally, 2023 was the hottest year on record, though Oregon was spared from exceptional wildfire events like those in 2020 and the excessive heat events like the summer "heat dome" in 2021, when temperatures reached triple digits from late June through mid-July. The Oregon Health Authority had not anticipated an event like that in the Portland metro area until 2050, the report said.

Between 2020 and 2023, 139 people died from heat-related causes in Oregon, including more than 100 in 2021. The toll over those years was three times that of the previous decade. Cardiovascular disease contributed to 25% of those deaths, and people 50 and older accounted for 87%, the report said.

It also looked at the lasting impacts of the 2020 wildfire season and 2021 heat dome.

The 2020 Labor Day fires burned more than 1 million acres, destroyed 5,000 homes, largely destroying the towns of Gates, Detroit, Phoenix and Talent, and left nine people dead.

Researchers found that mental health suffering, including uncontrollable worry, was acute among wildfire survivors years after the

events. Officials said making communities resilient to climate change and adapting to heat and wildfire need to be baked into recovery and rebuilding efforts after such events.

The report said health authority officials are working on reaching people from different demographics in different parts of the state. Surveys have found that older Oregonians prefer to be alerted to upcoming extreme weather events through local television, while most other Oregonians prefer text messages. But more resources are needed, especially to help households obtain filters, emergency supplies for wildfires and upgraded doors and windows so they fully seal.

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Forever fires

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Ground crews continue to work on containment lines.

from the Forest Road 1509 using explosives rather than felling large-diameter fire-damaged trees, and minimizing risks to crews on the ground. To the north, heavy equipment operators have been busy grading, clearing, and widening roads that are utilized as containment lines.

Cloudy and cool conditions with scattered showers helped at the start of this week. However, hot and dry conditions are expected to return and continue into the weekend, increasing fire danger.

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