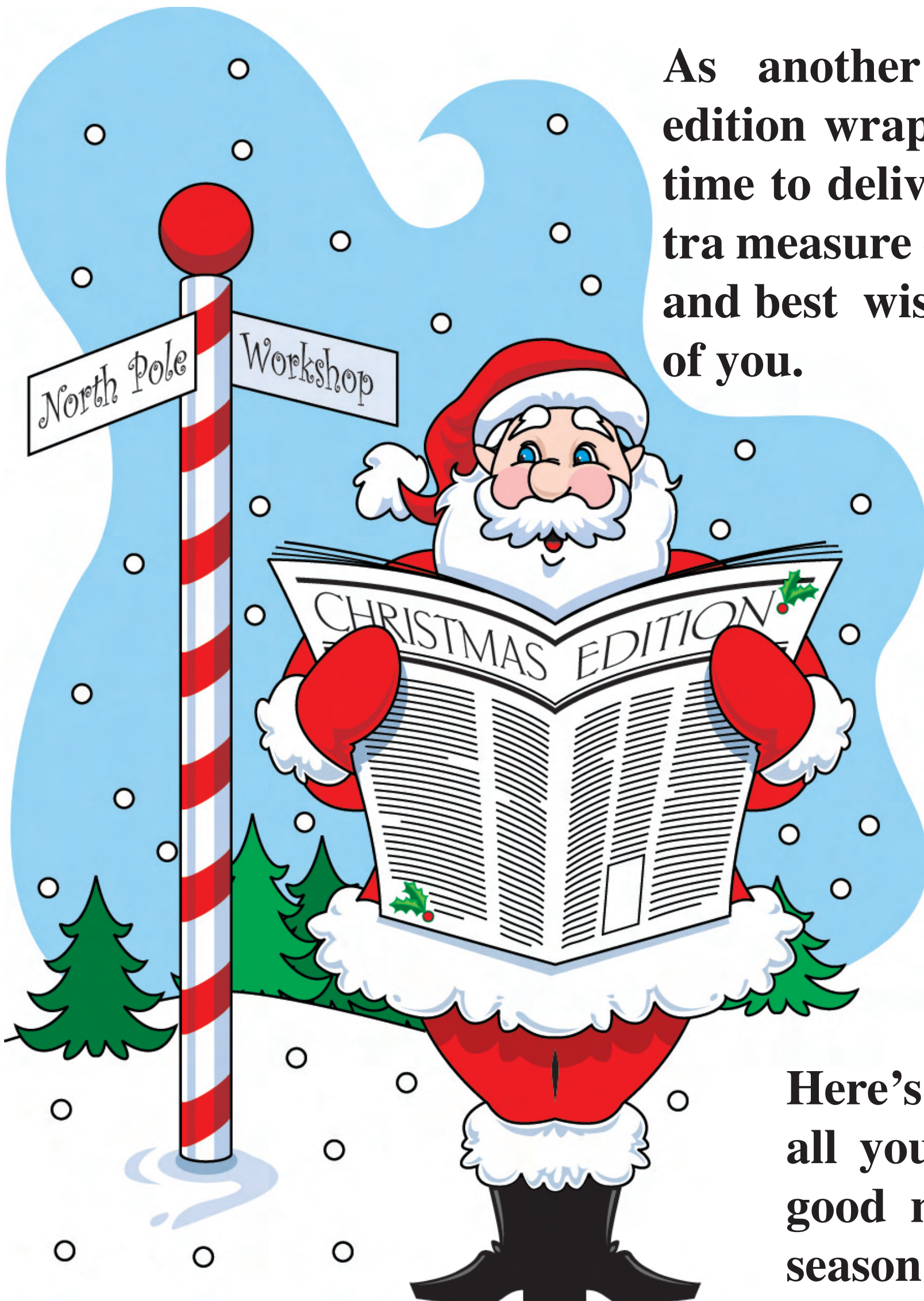




# To Our Loyal Readers At Christmas

As another holiday edition wraps up, it's time to deliver an extra measure of thanks and best wishes to all of you.



Here's hoping all your news is good news this season.

# McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

## McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week

There are no McKenzie Varsity Sports contests scheduled this next week. The next scheduled contests are after the New Year.

### Chiloquin Panthers Prowl Finn Rock

#### Eagle Teams Fall Prey

Chiloquin, a bit North of Klamath Falls, traveled up Hwy. 97, over the Willamette Pass, down the Willamette River and back up the McKenzie River last Tuesday, December 17, to contest their Eagle hosts in a couple of non-league basketball games. The Lady Panthers set the stage early running out to a 20-5 first quarter lead and the Mt. Valley League visitors extended the margin to 44-11 at the halftime break.

McKenzie continued to struggle to find the basket after the half and scored just one basket in the second half, losing in an 82-13 rout.

Chiloquin spread the scoring around, with senior post Elanine Gilchrist leading all game scorers with 20 points, junior guard Dejah Head finishing with 16 points, senior guard Laila Perez adding 14 points, junior wing Mabel Avina-Parazoo scoring 12 points, and junior post Makayla Jayne finishing in double figures with 10 points.

On the other side of the coin, McKenzie had just two players score, sophomore guard Liliana Jones with 9 points and freshman guard Claire Weiss with 4 points. The Eagles youth and inexperience was very evident as the team made 5 of 42 shot attempts from the field, 11%, and a high number of turnovers as well.

The Eagle Boys followed in the nightcap. First quarter action was entertaining and competitive, and the score knotted at 9 when the horn sounded. The Panthers found an answer to the Eagle defense in the second quarter and led at halftime, 30-16, and still at the end of three quarters, 47-33. The Panthers were now smelling blood and running fast for a 77-49 rout of the host Eagles. Both teams finished with 34 total rebounds and typical of early season games, the turnover count was high, McKenzie tagged with 34 for the game and the Panthers, 28.

Chiloquin freshman forward Denver Bravo had himself a night finishing with a game high 29 points. Teammate sophomore post Dilen Black scored 14 points, sophomore center Edward Jones finished with 12 points and sophomore forward Lalan Wilder had 10 points.

McKenzie was led by

sophomore guard Rhys Hamlow, who dropped in 20 points, nailing 7-16 two point shot attempts and a perfect 2-2 from behind the 3-point arc. Hamlow also shot 4-7 from the charity stripe. No other Eagle finished in double figure scoring, although junior guard Will Meister was close with 9 points. Aytan Munoz-Brown finished with 5 points, Jacob Norlund and Masonn Burton with 4 points each, Amir Enfield had 3 points, and Jacob Peek and Allen Acevedo both scored 2 points.

#### Eagles Fall At Winter Classic

The McKenzie Boys and Girls invited four non-league teams to Finn Rock this past weekend, Friday/Saturday, December 20/21 to participate in the McKenzie Winter Classic.

On the Girls side of the brackets, Class 2A Clatskanie from the Northwest League joined Class 1A Skyline League teams Yoncalla and Glendale and Mt. West League host McKenzie.

The four teams on the Boys bracket included Class 2A Oakridge, Yoncalla, Glendale and McKenzie. In first round Boys action on Friday, Glendale defeated McKenzie, 60-54 and Yoncalla defeated Oakridge, 68-58.

The Clatskanie Girls easily defeated Yoncalla, 46-25 and Glendale upended McKenzie, 38-14.

Saturday, the Oakridge Boys routed Glendale, 66-31 and Yoncalla followed suit-defeating McKenzie, 63-44

In Saturday's Girl tournament play, Yoncalla defeated McKenzie, 56-20 and Clatskanie downed Glendale, 46-25. The Yoncalla Boys team finished the McKenzie Winter Classic 2-0, Glendale and Oakridge finished 1-1, and McKenzie was 0-2. Clatskanie's girl's team finished the weekend at 2-0, Yoncalla and Glendale were 1-1, and the McKenzie girls finished at 0-2.

#### McKenzie Girls Struggle Through Winter Classic

The Eagle girl's basketball team played with a lot of energy while hosting Glendale and Yoncalla in the McKenzie Winter Classic last Friday and Saturday, December 20 and 21.

McKenzie also showed how young and inexperienced their team is and a lot of times, out of control on the court. That's not to mean that this group of athletes, and one can see the potential, hasn't made progress in skill development since last year, they definitely have. But fundamentals of the game will still be the first order of business when the Eagles return to the practice court. And there will still be some rough nights on the schedule this season, but that's also how character is built.

This weekend was even a bit tougher as McKenzie's leading scorer did not dress down due to family Holiday plans. Friday, the Eagles met the Glendale, a Skyline League team, and the visiting Pirates held no quarter,



defeating their hosts 38-14. Glendale controlled the opening tip and at the end of one quarter of play, had taken control of the game with a 21-2 output. The halftime scoreboard read Glendale 29, McKenzie 5.

It was smooth sailing for the Pirates the rest of the night as they finished the third quarter at 36-10 and the game 38-14. Junior guard Audrey Kirkland led her Pirate teammates with a game-high point total of 14 points. Freshman guard Irelynd Bodine also scored in double figures with 10 points. Speaking of young, Glendale's roster shows five freshman, a sophomore and two juniors, no seniors.

Freshman guard Claire Weiss who finished with 9 points led McKenzie. Junior Mercy Mitchell-Chavez added 3 points and junior post player Linn Goette scored 2 points, to round out all the Eagle scoring.

The next afternoon, the McKenzie Eagles tipped off against the Yoncalla Eagles and as you might hazard to guess, the Eagles won. Unfortunately for the home crowd, it was those Skyline Eagles from down South instead of our own homegrown. This time, McKenzie lost 56-20.

Just as the day before, McKenzie fell behind in the first quarter big. Yoncalla led at the first horn, 17-4 and by 33-13 at the Break. The score was 53-18 after three quarters of play and finally, 56-20 at the final horn.

Mercy Mitchell-Chavez led McKenzie with 9 points and Claire Weiss finished with 8 points. Paiten Clevenger added 1 point. Their freshman post player, Tori Noffsinger, who finished with 20 points, led Yoncalla. Senior teammate, guard Ashlyn Ellis added 19 points.

#### Energized Eagle Boys Battle Hard,

#### Still Can't Bank In A Win

It's been awhile since the Eagle faithful have been treated to a good old barnburner on what used to be one of the hardest gyms in

the State for visiting teams to steal a win. Too long actually, but the McKenzie boys fashioned one together with the boys from Glendale last Friday evening. And it was fun to watch.

The game wasn't pretty as far as skill and technique to be sure. There was a lot of head scratching and not a few groans throughout the event. But the two teams laid it all out on the hardwood, going four quarters and an extra, before an unfortunate whistle-call changed the momentum and the Douglas County visitors were able to take advantage.

Glendale established a slim 19-16 point first quarter lead, which turned out to be the most offensive quarter of the game, for both teams. The Pirates extended the lead a bit at halftime, 27-23. And that gave the hometown fans something to chew on along with their hot popcorn and a dog.

Whatever McKenzie Head Coach Neil Barrett shared with his team during the Break, he hopefully recorded for future

reference, because the Eagles roared out of the locker room conference and outscored the Pirates 16-9 to hold a 39-36 lead going into the fourth quarter.

McKenzie was close to pulling out their first victory of the season, but Pirates don't walk the plank willingly, and Glendale knotted the score at 47 all to force the 4-minute Over Time period. Nothing new in the fifth as McKenzie sunk a free-throw to go ahead by one, 48-47, only to have their Pirate competitors nail an inside basket to re-take the lead 49-48.

McKenzie's Will Meister parted the nets with a 3 point shot to regain the lead, 51-49, but aargh!, the Pirates tied it up with a two point of their own. With the score tied at 51, an Eagle was unfortunately tagged for a personal and technical foul combo that had at least the home fans scratching their heads wondering. The result gave the Pirates two shots for the personal foul, two shots for the technical and the ball out of bounds with [Continued On Page 11](#)



# McKenzie River Reflections



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12/18	52	39	0.38	390 cfs	12/18	52	44	0.36	8,620 cfs
12/19	50	35	0	385 cfs	12/19	57	41	0	7,830 cfs
12/20	51	39	0	370 cfs	12/20	53	43	0.01	5,980 cfs
12/21	56	43	0.23	NA	12/21	50	44	0.12	5,110 cfs
12/22	41	48	0.63	385 cfs	12/22	52	40	0.18	4,870 cfs
12/23	48	700	cfs		12/23	50	40	0.43	5,480 cfs

**Friday 12/27**

**McKenzie Valley**  
Rain  
90% chance precip  
High: 51 Low: 49

**Santiam Pass**  
Snow  
80% chance precip  
High: 36 Low: 33

**Saturday 12/28**

**McKenzie Valley**  
Rain  
80% chance precip  
High: 51 Low: 47

**Santiam Pass**  
Rain/Snow  
80% chance precip  
High: 36 Low: 31

**Sunday 12/29**

**McKenzie Valley**  
Rain  
70% chance precip  
High: 49 Low: 41

**Santiam Pass**  
Snow  
70% chance precip  
High: 34 Low: 26

# Sheriff's Report

**Dec. 15: 1:59 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 39300 blk, WALTERVILLE Ln. A deputy contacted a resident in a verbal dispute with family. The involved person left the location.

**6:23 p.m:** Illegal Fireworks - 88300 blk, Thienes Ln. Illegal fireworks were reported in the area. The exact source was not located.

**8:06 p.m:** Shots Fired - 88200 blk, Miller Ave. Resident reported hearing 3 gunshots in the area. No signs of distress were reported.

**Dec. 16: 11:17 a.m:** Traffic Hazard - Camp Creek Rd.

**11:25 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 45600 block, McK. Hwy.

**11:08 p.m:** Injured Animal - 37500 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

**Dec. 17: 4:16 p.m:** Harassment - 56700 blk, McK. Hwy.

**6:24 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Deerhorn Rd.

**Dec. 18: 12:00 p.m:** Fraud - 45500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**7:51 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.

**11:35 p.m:** Welfare Check - 38200 blk, Boscage Ln.

**11:54 p.m:** Medical Info Call - 8500 blk, Thurston Rd.

**Dec. 18: 8:06 a.m:** Civil Enforcement - 90700 blk, Hill Rd.

**6:39 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 37000 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**7:29 p.m:** Vicious Dog - 89000 blk, Skyhigh Dr.

**Dec. 19: 1:53 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy.

**3:15 p.m:** Assist Public - 45000 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:32 p.m:** Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd.

**Dec. 20: 6:36 a.m:** Suspicious Subject - McK. Hwy.

**8:39 a.m:** Extortion - 92800 blk, Saddle View Dr.

**2:08 p.m:** Harassment - 38800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**2:31 p.m:** Fraud - 40100 blk, Booth Kelly Rd.

**2:35 p.m:** Illegal Burn - Blue River Dam.

**4:04 p.m:** Hit & Run - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:31 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 93000 blk, Marcola Rd.

**5:31 p.m:** Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

**8:07 p.m:** Medical Info Call - 89900 blk, Greenwood Dr.

**11:09 p.m:** Alarm - 90800 blk, La Lone Rd.

**Dec. 21: 10:29 a.m:** Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

**5:10 p.m:** Information - Shotgun Creek Rd.

**6:24 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**6:53 p.m:** ATL Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. Mp. 4.

**Dec. 22: 9:25 a.m:** Hit & Run - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**11:42 a.m:** Citizen Contact -

44500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**6:03 p.m:** Criminal Mischief - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

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

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Dec. 17: 14:52:** 8600 block, Thurston Rd. Medical, Heart. Assist, 1 Transported.

**18:21:** Deerhorn Rd./Tiki Ln. Motor Vehicle Accident. Patients Assessed, Refusals Obtained.

**Dec. 18: 23:47:** 8500 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Disregarded On Scene.

**Dec. 19: 16:10:** 45000 blk, Goodpasture Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported Via Life Flight.

**Dec. 20: 11:45:** 75000 blk, S. Gate Creek Rd. Mistaken Alarm. Accidental Activation, No Medical Needs.

**12:51:** 7700 blk, Thurston Rd. Public Assist. Disregarded On Scene.

**20:02:** 89000 blk, Greenwood Dr. Medical, Heart. Deceased.

**21:08:** 51000 blk, Blue River Dr. Mutual Aid. Assist Upper McK., 1 Transported.

**19:38:** 88000 blk, WALTERVILLE Lp. Medical, General. Assist, Patient Refusal.

**Dec. 22: 10:11:** 42000 blk,

Leaburg Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

**Dec. 23: 3:53:** 42000 blk, Leaburg Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**Dec. 15: 16:00:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - Aufderheide Dr./McK. Hwy. Report of a Chevy Tahoe wedged into a boulder.

**Dec. 19: 08:20:** Medical - 54000 block, McK. River Dr. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

**Dec. 20: 21:02:** Medical - 51000 blk, Blue River Dr. Involved was tackled into bleachers.

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By Slim Randles

You have to look for the schism, Jasper said to himself out at the woodpile. He put another chunk of firewood up on the splitting block and took a look at the checking cracks that ran part way through the circles of age rings.

If I hit it right there, he said to himself, it should cleave.

“What do you think, Arthur? If I hit it right there...?”

Arthur looked up from his end of the woodpile and wagged his tail. The old guy’s talking to me again. Sure is cold out here. When are we going back in the cabin? Isn’t it almost time for supper? Oops, gotta scratch an itch...

“Always good to have your opinion, old timer,” Jasper Blankenship said.

He picked up the double-bit cruiser ax, made sure the splitting edge of the ax was in the downward position, and swung. Half a century and more of splitting firewood took that ax blade to that crack in the block, and there was a welcoming ka-chunk as part of the block was surgically cloven from the rest.

Well done, Dr. Blankenship, Jasper thought. Now for this remaining chunk. One more split and it’ll fit the firebox quite nicely.

He sized it up. This second swing wasn’t as difficult to figure out as that first one. There is less wood to cut through, for one thing.

Ka-chunk. Three pieces of firewood in two swings of the ax. Not bad for an old guy.

Jasper could’ve bought a splitting maul, of course. Only Arthur would know. But that’s like shooting flies with a thirty ought-six. Overkill. This way a guy has to know what he’s doing to hit the schism on the first swing.

Just take this next block here. Just to the left of that knot, I think.

“Arthur, we should have been diamond cutters, you know?”

I think it’s time to feed the dog, Boss. And it’s getting cold out here.

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Please consider buying “A Cowboy’s Guide to Growing Up Right.” Good advice from an aging cowboy ... me. Available on Amazon.com, among others.

## Quote of the Week

“Women represent half of the population - and gave birth to the whole world.”

Jane Champion

# Trail Blazers’ fate hung on extra-long bathroom break

By Finn J.D. John

In the past few decades, professional soccer has made great strides in the U.S., and hockey has always had an enthusiastic cult following. But the Big Three are still the same as they were in 1970: Baseball, football, and basketball.

Before 1970, Oregon was home to exactly zero major-league teams from any of these sports. But after 1970, it was home to one: The Portland Trail Blazers, a basketball team that took just over five years to build a team that would win the NBA World Championship and become an absolute legend.

Both of those things — the team’s inception, and its rise to the top — had a lot to do with a gregarious Portland promoter and sports fan named Harry Glickman.

Harry Glickman was a native son of the Beaver State, born and raised in Portland. He was Jewish, and he had the unsettling experience many American Jews had of having their European relatives suddenly stop answering letters after about 1941. Later he would learn they had all been kidnapped by Nazis and shipped to Treblinka to be killed.

Harry was a hardcore sports fan from early childhood, and as a high school student played basketball at Lincoln High

“I cannot remember a time when I was not absorbed with sports,” Harry wrote in his memoir many years later, “(but) there is nothing in my background to indicate that someday I would be involved as a means of earning a living.”

That changed in 1941 after he graduated from high school and entered the University of Oregon. He had planned to take a year off to work and hopefully earn enough money to pay his tuition and living costs; but his mother forced his hand by marrying a Seattle man (Harry’s parents divorced when he was 5) and moving to his home in the Evergreen State. Harry’s plans did not include Seattle or the University of Washington, so his plan to live at home and stack up cash for a year was thrown out the window. He’d have to find a job and work his way through college.

This “setback” turned out to be quite possibly the luckiest break of Harry’s life, before or since. Casting around for a job that fit his talents, he found one — and ended up working his way through college covering Duck sports for the Portland Morning Oregonian, Oregon Journal, and various news wire services

Glickman took time away from college to fight the Nazis from 1943 to 1946, so he didn’t graduate until 1948.



KPTV

Trailblazer co-founder Harry Glickman talks about how close Portland came to getting a major-league football team in this video clip from KPTV-12, Portland’s Fox Network affiliate station.

He had a job waiting for him after graduation, and he’d made all his plans around it. It was, he thought, his dream job: Staff sports reporter at the Portland Morning Oregonian.

But once again, fate intervened. An Oregonian staff reporter who had been drafted to fight the war came home, a little later than most GIs. While he was gone his job had been given to someone else; so by law the Oregonian had to either fire that person and rehire the veteran, or find another slot on the staff. Nobody wanted to fire anyone, and there was only one other slot open just then ... so they placed him in the position they’d opened up for Glickman.

To help him out, though, Glickman’s would-be boss helped him get set up as a press agent for boxing matches and other sporting events, and referred his first three clients to him.

“Most good things have happened to me by accident,” Glickman wrote in his memoir, at the beginning of Chapter 2. And clearly, he wasn’t kidding! Of course, chance favors the prepared, and Glickman was always prepared.

Over the following two decades, Glickman and his company, Oregon Sports Attractions, got involved with some very high-profile promotions. In 1951 he met some VIPs from the National Football League (this was before 1955, when broadcast television made football America’s favorite national sport, but it was already very popular) and talked them into scheduling exhibition and pre-season games in Portland’s Multnomah Stadium.

These visitor-vs.-visitor football games would become a regular feature of the stadium’s schedule throughout the 1950s.

Another nationally famous organization started coming regularly to Portland courtesy of Glickman in the early 1950s as well: The Harlem Globetrotters, the world famous basketball exhibitionist team.

And in the late 1950s, Glickman started working on getting a Western Hockey League team in Portland. The WHL was a minor league, but it seemed like it was going places (although it wasn’t, as it turned out) so Glickman founded the Portland Buckaroos in 1960. The Buckaroos would be a big part of the Portland sports scene for the next 13 years, winning three WHL championships along the way.

But Glickman’s goal was always to get a big-league basketball club started in P-town. He started working on that in 1954 after Portland voters approved a bond measure to build Memorial Coliseum, working all the angles he could get a line on with NBA executives he knew and knew of, trying to convince them that Portland was ready for a team and would support it with a butt in every stadium seat every time the whistle blew.

He would doggedly chase that dream for the next 15 years, and it would finally bear fruit in 1970. It wouldn’t be easy, though!

Along the way, sometime in 1958, Glickman popped the question to his girlfriend, Joanne. He may or may not have been influenced to do this by a crusty old boxing promoter he was regularly working with, Jack Hurley, who was constantly needling him to “make an honest woman of her.” “It’s time you signed the papers,” Hurley would growl. “It’s every man’s duty to take a gentle little creature and make her happy. Besides, you’ve been getting away with murder long enough.”

Who says there’s no romance in professional boxing?

The Portland Trail Blazers, in the summer of 1970, were nothing more than a gleam in the eye of the promoter who’d been banging the “NBA in Portland” drum for the previous 16 years.

And it probably would have stayed that way, too, if not for a really long bathroom break taken in Beverly Hills that year.

Here’s how that came about:

In 1967, Portland’s sibling-rival city, Seattle, nailed down an NBA franchise deal — the Seattle

Supersonics. One imagines Glickman’s frustration at hearing the news of that, and it seems to have set him into a redoubled effort to get Portland a seat at the NBA table.

And in 1970 it looked like he had a chance. The NBA’s expansion committee was meeting at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills. Calling in all the markers and working all the angles, Glickman got them to add him to the agenda for a presentation urging them to let him add a Portland team.

The NBA’s expansion committee consisted of Abe Pollin of the Baltimore Bullets (later the Washington Wizards), Fred Zollner of the Detroit Pistons, Tommy Cousens of the Atlanta Hawks, and Carl Scheer, a representative of NBA Commissioner Walter Kennedy.

Glickman leaped into action, got on the phone, and called everyone he could think of who could arrange interim financing for the cash that would be needed to launch a team. After the team was launched, a public stock offering would cover the loan handily; but that would take much more time than Glickman had just now.

He had gone through his phone list and was waiting for callbacks when the time came to jump on a plane and go plead Portland’s case, so — hoping something would happen while he was in the air — he did so.

Nothing happened, though, and Glickman found himself the next day in the super-unenviable position of having to tell the committee the interim financing was still up in the air.

Committee members were visibly dismayed at this. By this time, they all knew Harry Glickman, if not personally then by reputation; and to know Glickman was to be his friend — he was that kind of personality. Nobody wanted to tell him no.

Plus, they were all impressed with the work he had done, and they believed him when he assured them that he would line up the financing in short order. His word was bankable, and they all knew that.

So one of the members — Tommy Cousens of the Atlanta Hawks, who Glickman had actually never met in person until now — promptly offered to pony up a quarter-million if Glickman could find funds to match it from his Portland people. That would get him over the hump and they could say yes to him. Could he do that?

This offer kept the deal alive for another 24 hours or so, which would turn out to be critically important. “It’s superfluous to add that I fell in love with Cousens in exactly five seconds,” Glickman wrote, in his 1978 memoir.

Glickman promised to give it his level best. Then, as quickly as courtesy allowed, he got himself back to his hotel room and got on

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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

OSU Extension Service

### Five worthy trees for small gardens



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The silver foliage of whitebeam adds an effervescent atmosphere to the spring garden.

The plant world teems with appropriately sized trees. The best place to start a search is in your own backyard. As the saying goes: "Right plant, right place." Decide where you want a tree first and then find one that fits the site, said Chris Rusch, an Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener in Douglas County.

"You can't just go buy a tree and then find a spot for it," she said. "You have to get a tree that's suitable for the site."

Take into account the amount of sun the space gets, the type of soil and whether it's under power lines or close to a fence, patio, foundation or structure. Then do some research online, check books or ask someone at a reputable garden center to narrow down a few options that fit the criteria. And don't forget to think about the characteristics you want. Perhaps fall color is No. 1 on your list. Or, a full-fledged display of spring flowers. Colorful, interesting bark or shapely form offer another season of enjoyment. Want it all? There are trees that fit the bill.

Rusch, who is a retired forester, considers trees in the 20- to 30-

foot range about the right size for a small garden — or a large one where shorter trees come in handy to provide a layer of texture and color in the space between shrubs and larger trees. No matter the size of the garden, small trees hit a height that can hide unsightly neighboring buildings, create a pretty perimeter around the yard or give you the privacy you crave.

"However you approach it, you can find your perfect tree," Rusch said. "You can have shade in summer, bright foliage in fall, flowers in spring and summer. Interesting forms and colorful, curious stems. You name it."

Rusch's favorite small trees Japanese maple (Acer palmatum): An impressive range of trees that, depending on the cultivar, grow 10 to 25 feet. Some have burgundy leaves, some have finely cut foliage, most have exceptional autumn color. Winter reveals colorful red or red-orange branches on many. "Japanese maples are really pretty trees that are nice for Oregon," Rusch said. "Their characteristics are adapted to our climate." Cold hardy to Zone 5 or 6.

Dogwood (Cornus): Rusch is partial to any kind of dogwood, but mentioned especially Oregon's native Pacific dogwood (Cornus nuttallii) and the Japanese species Cornus kousa. Both stretch to about 25 feet or a little more. They have attractive white flowers (bracts) in spring that stand out like a beacon against evergreens, put out brilliant green foliage in summer and exhibit excellent red shades in fall. Depending on the variety, they can be pruned into interesting multi-trunk forms or trained into single-trunk trees. They prefer a little shade rather than open sun. Pacific dogwood is cold hardy to Zone 7; kousa dogwood to Zone 5.

Flowering crabapple (Malus): An easy-care tree that's covered in bundles of purple or white flowers for up to a month in spring. They top out at 20 feet or shorter. Plant in full sun and be sure to research or ask at the nursery for disease-resistant varieties. A couple include yellow-fruited 'Gold Raindrops,' 'Adirondack' 'Sugar Tyme' and 'Red Jewel.' Wildlife flock to the fall berries. Prune when young for good branch structure and then sparingly to keep them in shape. "Crabapples are gorgeous," Rusch said. "They have beautiful flowers and the fall colors are bright red, really nice."

Whitebeam (Sorbus aria 'Lutescens'): A stunning tree that displays leaves that emerge silver in spring and turn to green as the season advances and bright yellow to orange in fall. White flowers in May are followed by clusters of orange-red berries that ripen in fall and provide food for wildlife in winter. Grows to about 30 feet and is cold hardy to Zone 5.

Purpleleaf plums (Prunus cerasifera): A very hardy and attractive tree known for its dark purple foliage and clusters of fragrant light pink flowers in early spring. 'Thundercloud' is a particularly popular variety. Grows 15 to 25 feet. Needs a site in full sun. Cold hardy to Zone 4.

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



## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



### JOYFUL NEW YEAR'S CUSTOMS

New Year's has long been a time of celebrating and setting out goals for the months ahead. Festivities to announce a new year have been traced to prehistoric times, although the dates may not exactly coincide with ours. In ancient societies, the New Year often began with the harvest.

Within the past 400 years, January 1 has been celebrated commonly as New Year's Day, although in 153 B. C. the Romans observed this occasion on the first of January. Before that, March 25 was regarded as the start of a new year.

Gift Giving a Frequent Practice Giving gifts once was an important custom on New Year's. In some parts of the world, it still is observed this way.

When I was a child, Mother saved a Christmas gift for each of us children to open at New Year's. She said her mother had done this, too. So it continued as a custom in our family.

In ancient Egypt, earthenware flasks were gifts at New Year's. The Persians exchanged eggs at the beginning of a new year, and the Druids gave mistletoe, their sacred plant. The Romans presented a branch from a sacred tree as a gift to wish the recipient a good coming year.

#### New Year's Superstitions

Many superstitions have been associated with New Year's celebrations through the world and some are in evidence today. In India, they boiled rice to bring good luck in the coming year.

Spaniards started to eat a dozen grapes at the stroke of midnight. In order to ensure good fortune for the next year, the last grape must be finished before the twelfth stroke of the clock.

Pine branches decorated Japanese homes and bamboo stalks were hung on the gateposts with tangerines to symbolize long

life. In Scotland, tall, dark men were welcomed in many homes on New Year's Day. If they carried a piece of shortbread and lump of coal, the residents greeted them exuberantly. It was thought these visitors brought good luck and health with them.

In the Southern United States, particularly in Texas, eating black-eyed peas for New Year's dinner supposedly brings good luck to the household. We encountered this custom when living in this state.

In the Ozark Mountains, hanging a new calendar before sun-up on New Year's Day was regarded as bringing bad luck. Also, you shouldn't take something out of the house on New Year's Day without bringing something else back inside.

Whenever one celebrates New Year's Day and with whatever customs, it's usually a time of jubilation. This also is an occasion for reflecting on the past and looking forward to the future.

HAM FOR DINNER on New Year's is a common custom. Why not try CORN BREAD STUFFED HAM this year?

Parboil ham, skin and cool. Cut deep gashes, 1 inch apart, to the bone, lengthwise from the hock to the end.

Combine 1/4 cup chopped sweet pickle, 1/2-cup brown sugar, 2 1/2 cups cold corn bread crumbs; moisten slightly with ham liquid. (Some people may want to eliminate the pickle and add 1/4 cup chopped onion or use only brown sugar and corn bread crumbs.)

Stuff mixture into the gashes and coat the ham with any extra. Bake at 350 degrees F., basting with ham liquid until heated through and browned.

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

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## What do the boys and girls at Walterville Elementary want for Christmas?



*Dear Santa,  
 My name is Will. I am in 1st grade. For Christmas I would like a phone, a duck jersey, a new football game, a marshmellou squirrrle, a drawing set, a football.*

*Dear Santa,  
 My name is Everett. I am in first grade. Marry Christmas. For Christmas I want a robot dog and a stuft jelly F4 and a bunch of lanky box toys.*

*Dear Santa,  
 I want a slime kitt.  
 From Toryn*

*Dear Santa,  
 My Name is Lynx. I am in the first grade. For Christmas I would like Pokeball. Kwalleu, iPhone, and Igwana.*

*Dear Santa,  
 I wan 2 RC boats.  
 Kian*

*Dear Santa,  
 I want a Stonewolf and a dragon.  
 Bennett*



Dear Santa,  
I want paints, bicycle,  
Teddy bear, book, camera,  
hat.  
From Heidi



Dear Santa,  
My name is Orion. I am  
in first grade. For Christmas  
I would like Lego Jurasik  
Park, Lego Harry Potter, di-  
nosaur toys, Lego Jungle Ex-  
plorer, Amimai toys, a parit,  
animal staffes, a pet tortoise,  
iPhone!P.S.Free dilvres to  
Santa



Dear Santa,  
I want a American Girl  
doll.  
From Blair



Dear Santa,  
My name is Reign. I am in first  
grade. For Christmas I would  
like bitsi and a baby doll and  
a dress and a hat and a par-  
rot and ring and a rabbit and  
a swing and a teddy bear and  
a toothbrush and paints and a  
quilt and a piano and a stamp  
and a towel and a watch.



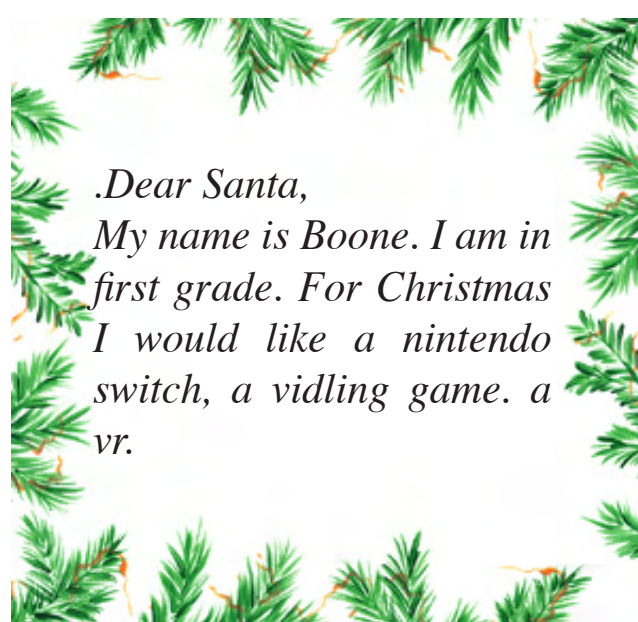
Dear Santa,  
My name is Ember. I am in  
the first grade. For Christ-  
mas I would like a dog.,  
Puppy doll, frog,



Dear Santa,  
My name is Jordyn. I am in  
the first grade. For Christ-  
mas I would like a snow  
leopard, stuffy Cheetu,  
stuffy Bissee, baby Fonns  
stuffy.



Dear Santa,  
My name is Brooks. I am in  
the first grade. For Christ-  
mas I would like a VR, dirt-  
bike, and for it to snow.



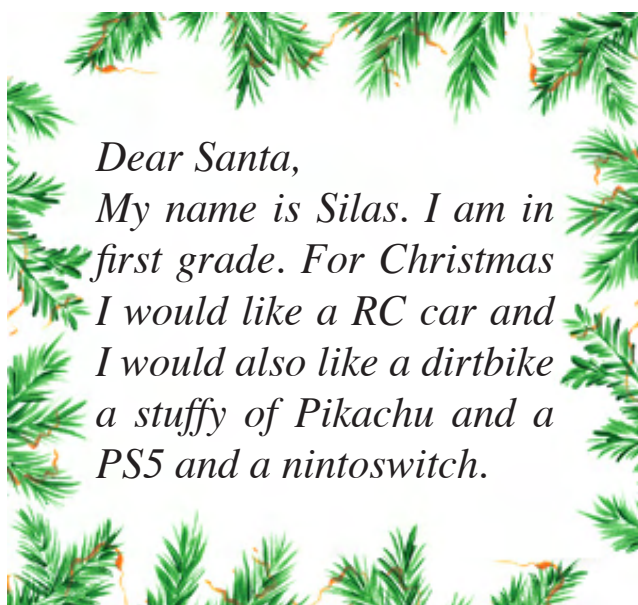
.Dear Santa,  
My name is Boone. I am in  
first grade. For Christmas  
I would like a nintendo  
switch, a vidling game. a  
vr.



Dear Santa,  
My name is Rocky. I am  
in first grade. For Christ-  
mas I would like a lot of  
lego star wars.



Dear Santa,  
My name is Charlie. I love  
you Santa. I would like Bar-  
bie Slimes, tortoise stuffey.  
Merry Christmas Santa



Dear Santa,  
My name is Silas. I am in  
first grade. For Christmas  
I would like a RC car and  
I would also like a dirtbike  
a stuffy of Pikachu and a  
PS5 and a nintoswitch.



Dear Santa,  
My name is Ashii. I am in  
first grade. For Christmas  
I would like a hoverbord,  
violin, yo-yo, tortoise,  
rainbow, ring, piano.



Dear Santa,  
My name is Ezra. I am in  
first grade. For Christmas  
I would like I wot, flsis  
echo zrexceclb, bice, vitu-  
gamg.



Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaycie. I am in  
first grade. For Christmas  
I would like: 1. Globe that  
would turn on. 2. A new TV.  
3. VR.



Dear Santa,  
My name is Kenziey. I am in  
first grade. For Christmas  
I would like a bear, more  
stufe, a tuoiy kangaroo, a elf  
on the shelf, girl with blonde  
hair, my vere own raindeer, a  
cat and a dog.

# Community Notes

**December 28**

**A Dime At A Time**

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

**December 31**

**Board of Commissioners**

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**January 1**

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**January 1**

**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.

**January 1**

**Free Produce**

Free fresh produce day is at the new clinic, 51730 Dexter St, in Blue River. A sign will be posted at the left conference room entrance, where distribution will take place. Pick-up is from 1 to 2 p.m., as produce has been running out within the first hour.

All McKenzie community members who sign up can be served as long as they are under the income guidelines. Call Orchid Health to sign up - 541-822-3341.

**January 1**

**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.com

**January 1**

**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

**January 3**

**Yoga In Leaburg**

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

**January 4**

**A Dime At A Time**

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**January 1**

**Make A Vision Board**

Come to the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Dr. from noon to 2 p.m. A vision board is a creative way to organize your dreams and prioritize your goals for the upcoming year. It's hard to believe it has been a year...and what a year! It's time to set your intentions and create a clear vision for 2025 with a fun vision board class hosted by John Carlile at the UMCC. The first Saturday of the year is January 4th, so meet at the UMCC at noon. Cost is \$40 per person. Starts promptly at noon.

RSVP Cell/Text 541-510-8405 if you plan to attend and invite friends for a fun and informative afternoon!

**January 4**

**BINGO**

BINGO at the Vida McKenzie Community Center, 90377 Thomson Lane in Vida at the Center is a family (kids welcome) fun night - Doors open at 6:30 p.m. This is not the high dollar payout as some locations are. We use a computer bingo game which is displayed on a large TV screen. Everyone is welcome

The snack bar has a variety of goodies for one's taste - Hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, desserts, an assortment of drinks, no alcoholic beverages.

Right now we are playing 15 games (Per crowd request)

2 cards for \$5, buy as many as you can handle (Can buy extra cards at any time) We take about a 20/30 minute break after game 10. The last game pays out \$75 if there is a bingo within 54 cards or less then it drops down to \$50.

**January 5**

**"Oregon's Boat"**

The recently released documentary "Oregon's Boat" will be shown at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Dr. on January 5th, from 2 to 3 p.m.

The film explores the evolution and enduring influence of the McKenzie River Drift Boat, the distinctive craft that represents the Oregonian spirit for adventure. Director Randy Dersham will be there for a question and answer session. (The film will be entered at the Oregon Documentary Film Festival in Portland on January 26th.) More historic movies of the river will be shown at 3 pm. Suggested Donation \$5

**January 7**

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**January 7**

**Coffee With Locals**

Come have a cup of coffee with the locals (paid for by Locals Helping Locals) from 10 to 11 a.m. at the McKenzie Bridge General Store, 91837 Taylor Road in McKenzie Bridge. 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.

**January 7**

**Family Story Time**

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

**January 7**

**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.

**January 8**

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**January 7**

**Walterville Grange**

The Walterville 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

**January 8**

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**January 9**

**Watershed Council**

The McKenzie Watershed Council meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at various location, please contact Melanie Giangreco, McKenzie Watershed Council Operations Assistant (458-201-8150) melanie@mckenziawc.org

**January 9**

**VMCC**

The Vida McKenzie Community Center Board meets from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 90377 Thomson Lane in Vida.

**January 10**

**Yoga In Leaburg**

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

## Skewed Numbers



Chris Kofeod

It wasn't until I moved in with my boyfriend that I discovered the surprising rates of divorce for couples who live together before marriage. There seems to be no end to the warnings and statistics, which are taunting me with the thought my boyfriend and I are doomed before we even begin.

Four months after my high school sweetheart broke my heart, I asked my current boyfriend to go out. We were both in the same place in life. We grew up in similar households, attended the same college, and even worked together. A month later we moved 2000 miles from our comfy nests and moved in together.

It was difficult because I struggled to trust myself to love after my first heartbreak. Eventually I enjoyed being with someone who shared the same values. We've both

enjoyed the challenges of saving, earning, and spending for two, and I've learned to work together we have to adopt one another's goals as our own.

I admit our relationship may have started a little fast and maybe on the wrong foot, but it has grown into a real partnership. I'm a tender but mature 19, and my boyfriend is 21. Marriage is quite a bit down the road for me, but I would love someday for our relationship to blossom into a long-lasting marriage. How can cohabitating couples beat the odds?

Alicia, many years ago there was a man who owned a chain of hotels. Each day he wanted to know how his hotels were doing, but gathering information from each hotel was burdensome in those pre-computer days. One day, while looking at financial data, he realized the amount of potatoes served in the restaurant of one particular hotel was an almost unflinching guide to the gross revenue of the entire chain.

So each morning he had the manager of that hotel phone him with the amount of potatoes served from their kitchen the

previous day. That is one example of the use of statistics. Here's another. Imagine a person who compares the increase in ministers' salaries with the increase in liquor consumption, then argues there is no point paying pastors more because they will only spend it on drink.

The statistics on cohabitation include couples who have little in common. Some couples live together as an alternative to loneliness, others as a way to share expenses. Some have set a date and live together only after formal engagement, while others come from dysfunctional families and will have a difficult time forming a stable relationship with anyone.

There are three things to remember about statistics. First, just because two things are associated with each other, it does not mean there is a causal connection. Second, general trends do not predict the results of any individual case. Third, statistical categories include subgroups which have little in common with each other.

There is a huge difference between the couple deeply in love, and a couple where the woman uses cohabitation as a way to ease a man into marriage, while the man sees it as no more than an avenue for sex, housekeeping, and laundry.

When Wayne was young there was a teenage ballad called "Tell

Laura I Love Her." It told the story of a young man who enters a stock car race to win enough money so he and his girlfriend can marry. He is killed in a wreck, and his dying words are, of course, tell Laura I love her.

The lyrics are so mawkish and sentimental they make your skin crawl. But there is one line in the song which is memorable. "He wanted to give her everything." That is how people deeply in love

feel about each other, and two people deeply in love will always beat the odds. The depth of their connection is the key.

Before you marry, make sure it's right. It has to be perfect love.

Tamara

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

## Some Things Last

By Ahmad Almallah  
These windows, these panes, at the beginning of light looking where they look, eyeing the east and the rust and here they are, protected by shade and shadows: branches and birds strike them, fly into them and out. You can see nothing through them, you can only see what bounces off: back at the world and then you return, to the lemon, that is the self, squeezing drop after drop—there's nothing left of you now, no juice! Can you go on lubricating the mind, musing on you as disaster, and the rest of you as the elements?

Here, they go one by one into a flame set down, beneath all the steps, at the very bottom of it all... and God! The eyes wish you didn't! They look away from the blank space remaining—oh these birds in the mornings are funny and the little tricks they repeat and repeat, like these sounds they make, in order: they fly off together or one by one, puffing up their small bodies, extending a peak that opens up a view, that finds space in whatever looks shut and

closed—a wall has some hole, a tree trunk can manage a crack, and under the ledge, a window knows something of the hidden world.

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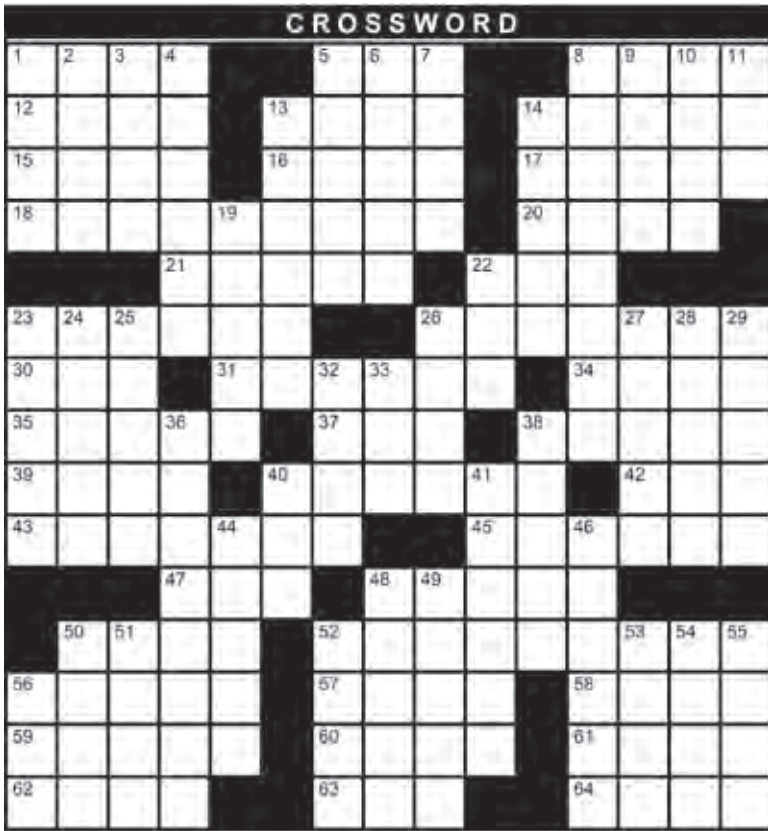
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- 52. \*2010 film starring DiCaprio
- 56. Meat of coconut
- 57. Desperate
- 58. Karl of politics
- 59. \*1979 film starring Sigourney Weaver
- 60. Fail to mention
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- 62. \*"Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep" author
- 63. Was ahead
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- 25. Pine juice
- 26. Original thought
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- 29. Neil Diamond's "Beautiful \_\_\_\_"

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- 33. "I Like \_\_\_\_" 1950s campaign slogan
- 36. \*"Where no man has gone before" TV series
- 38. "The Tortoise and the Hare" author
- 40. "It's no \_\_\_\_!"
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- 46. Main dish
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- 53. Minnesota's southern neighbor
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# Stay in touch with what's happening - open the McKenzie Community Calendar!

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- 1. Le Corbusier's art
- 5. \*"The Matrix" protagonist
- 8. Captures
- 12. Funkiness in the air
- 13. Vegetative state
- 14. Capital of Vietnam
- 15. Fairy tale villain
- 16. Beware of these in March
- 17. Spiker and Sponge of "James and the Giant Peach"
- 18. \*Bioengineered humanoid in "Blade Runner"

- 20. The Beehive State
- 21. Burn with coffee, e.g.
- 22. Tire meas.
- 23. Sea nymph
- 26. Salad dressing option
- 30. \*Pierre Boule's Cornelius
- 31. Hoity-toity
- 34. Back arrow key
- 35. Covered with sphagnum
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**Events from Dec 26th**

A grid of event cards for December 26th, including: Leaburg GMRB Radio Preparedness, McKenzie Valley Neighbors Radio Group, Kids Eat Free, Lane County Board of Commissioners, Blue River Water Board, Watershed Wednesday, Oregon's Bear documentary, Family Story Time, and Coffee with the Locals.

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# Koi illegally dumped into McKenzie River



Koi spotted at Armitage Boat Landing on the McKenzie River near Eugene, Ore., Dec. 18, 2024, and reported to the Oregon Invasive Species Hotline

ODFW staff responded to a report made to the Oregon Invasive Species Hotline on Wednesday, Dec. 18, that a koi (fish) was spotted near the Armitage Boat Landing on the McKenzie River near Eugene.

District fish biologists removed the large koi which was most likely intentionally released into the McKenzie River. Koi can live up to 25 years, reproduce rapidly, and can survive very cold winters. Mature koi can produce 5,000 to 10,000 eggs and the largest koi can lay 500,000 eggs.

"Introduced, non-native fish can spread deadly diseases to wild fish populations," said Jeff Ziller, ODFW District Fish Biologist. "There are plenty of examples in other states and countries where koi have damaged or changed aquatic ecosystems so extensively that vast amounts of public resources have been allocated to eradicate them, largely unsuccessful," added Ziller.

Koi are omnivores with a voracious appetite, consuming fish and amphibian eggs, aquatic insects, and competing with native fish for food. They also stir up sediments while uprooting and consuming aquatic plants which can reduce forage and cover for waterfowl and other animals.

Once non-native species are introduced to a waterbody, they are nearly impossible to remove. Help spread the word to never dump unwanted fish or aquarium contents in or near waterways, streams, ponds, lakes, or stormwater drains. It can have serious ecological consequences and can ruin recreational opportunities for future generations of Oregonians.

ODFW staff appreciate the report to the Invasive Species Hotline. Non-native, invasive species, such as koi, can be reported to the hotline at 1-866-INVADER.

# Will your rates rise?



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A recent report says data centers will use nearly a quarter of all of Oregon's electricity by 2030. Without changes households may have to pay the bill.

Most Oregonians will pay about 50% more for electricity than they did just five years ago following rate increases from the state's largest electric utilities. However, the Lane Electric Cooperative hasn't announced any rate increases for 2025. The utility's most recent adjustment was a \$5.50 increase to the Basic Charge, implemented in January 2024.

The cooperative is currently in the midst of budget planning for 2025 and intends to share more information in the coming months. Town hall meetings are scheduled for January and February, where further details about future projects and potential rate changes may be discussed.

Starting in February 2025, residential electric rates for EWEB (Eugene Water & Electric Board) will rise by 7.7%, with an additional 4% increase projected for October 2025. The increases are based on anticipated rate

adjustments from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

Lane Electric Cooperative (a member-owned utility) and EWEB (a consumer-owned utility) are not regulated by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC).

Other consumers around the state will be affected by the decisions of the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board, or CUB, which has proposed a 7% to 10% yearly limit on rate increases for both Pacific Gas & Electric and Pacific Power. If the PUC decides to adopt the cap, PG&E's planned 10.9% increase and Pacific Power's planned 14.9% increase for January would have to be lowered.

Both rate increases will take effect Jan. 1 and bring overall rates for residential customers of both utilities up about 50% since 2020, more than twice the rate of inflation during that same period.

# Ski Report

December 24, 2024

The Hoodoo Ski Resort report for Tuesday showed no new snow fell overnight, leaving the snow depth at 38 inches. Temperatures were 36 at the base and 29 at the summit, with winds out of the WNW at 15 mph. More snow is predicted this week as the base continues to build. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 28 degrees at the base and 22 degrees at the summit on Tuesday, with winds averaging 25 mph. An inch of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 70 inches. Temperatures were dropping and expected to result in more accumulations. 24 of 124 trails were open, along with 12 out of 12 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.

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

**December 21** - The winter of 1926 a rancher from Upper Crooked River ran low on hay and decided to drive his herd to the railhead in Bend. Buckaroo Harold Baker related, "There were seven of us, counting the cook, trailing 2,150 head of two- and three-year-old steers. The morning we pulled out it turned cold and stormy, and that first night we had ten inches of wet snow dropped on us. Conditions were mighty miserable. Took seven days to complete the drive and as we were coming into the stockyard in Bend we had a steady stream of citizens coming out to take pictures. They all thought it was a pretty big deal. And when the story came out in the newspaper they called it the *Last Great Cattle Drive in Oregon*."

# Winter driving tips



ODOT

Rainy weather can create hazardous driving conditions such as reduced visibility, slick roads, and hydroplaning risks. Here are a few reminders to share:

**Drive Safely in the Rain**  
Slow down: High speeds in standing water can cause loss of control.

**Prevent hydroplaning:** If it happens, ease off the gas, gently brake, and steer straight.

**Increase following distance:** Roads can be extra slick, especially after a dry spell.

**Use headlights:** Improve your visibility to others.

**Turn off cruise control:** It can reduce your control in wet conditions.

**Prepare Your Vehicle**  
Check wiper blades, brakes, and defroster functionality.

Ensure tires are properly inflated and have at least 2/32 inch of tread depth.

Test your brakes gently after driving through puddles.

For those traveling through Oregon, especially over mountain passes, remember to visit TripCheck.com or dial 511 for real-time road and weather updates as well as closures, detours and chain requirements. It features more than 700 camera images from key locations throughout Oregon, as well as southern Washington and northern California.

# McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

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time running down. Glendale was able to finally establish advantage and hold on for the 59-54 victory. The Eagles out rebounded the Pirates 43-24 total and shot 27% (23-85) from the field.

Maybe Yoncalla scouted the previous night or maybe not, but the Douglas County Eagles didn't let McKenzie dictate the momentum of the game like the game the day before. Yoncalla grabbed an 18-11 lead in the first quarter of their Saturday match up with their Finn Rock hosts and didn't take their feet off the pedal as they cruised into the halftime with a comfortable 33-18 lead.

McKenzie's locker room magic from the day before tried to redirect Yoncalla's game plan for the second half and when the home Eagles out pointed Yoncalla 16-14 in the third quarter, folks in the stands started to feel the itch of the previous night. McKenzie's run started too late and the energy just wasn't there as Yoncalla regained the momentum, winning the fourth quarter 16-10 and the game, 63-44. The loss dropped McKenzie to 0-10 on the 2024-25 season and Yoncalla improved to 3-5.

McKenzie's Rhys Hamlow led his team in scoring with 15 points and he finished with 4 steals. Will Meister also scored in double figures, adding 12 points. Other Eagles scoring were Jacob Norlund with 6 points, Amir Enfield with 3 points, Masonn Burton, Aytan Munoz-Brown, Hayden Kumle with 2 points each, and Andrew Munoz-Brown with 1 point. Aytan Munoz-Brown led the team with 7 steals and Enfield led with 9 rebounds.

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## Emergency?

## Call 9-1-1

# First Art Talk

# Postal worker union says new proposal would slow mail



The O'Brien Memorial Library hosted its first Art Talk on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm. A little over a dozen people chose to attend. Hot apple cider and Christmas cookies were available as Margaret Godfrey shared about her work and answered audience questions.

Margaret is a local artist and has been a professional artist for 25 years. The art displayed on the

rotating gallery wall of the library was "Fire Inspired". Several of her pieces show the change that took place as wildlife started returning, giving hope to her and other river residents. Giving a percentage of her sales to the library shows her generous heart. Her art will be on display until the middle of January then the community can look forward to another artist display and Art Talk.

By Isobel Charle Oregon News Service

The American Postal Workers Union is pushing back against proposed changes to the Postal Service they said would slow delivery.

Among other things, the proposal aims to cancel afternoon deliveries and pick-ups for areas more than 50 miles from a regional hub. Postmaster General Louis DeJoy said elimination of night pickups could save the post office more than \$3 billion a year.

Daniel Cortez, director of industrial relations for the Oregon Postal Workers union, said reducing services does not make sense financially.

"To think that eliminating services, reducing standards, basically providing the American people with less reliable service is somehow going to make money, it's nonsense," Cortez contended.

The charges are the most recent in a series included in DeJoy's 10-year "Delivering for America"



Postmaster General Louis DeJoy first slowed down the mail in 2021 by lengthening "On-time" standards.

plan. The union said DeJoy, who was appointed under President Donald Trump, has already raised prices for stamps while closing post offices across the country, especially in rural communities.

Cortez noted although rural communities would be hit hardest by this latest proposal, urban centers will also be affected. He explained the Postal Service has been shutting down processing centers in the state, making Portland the sole distribution site for

all of Oregon, which means more mail delays for everyone, including Portlanders.

"If the clerks and the employees in the main plant are processing mail for the rest of the region, that means they're not at that same time processing Portland's mail," Cortez emphasized.

The changes come as first class mail volume has fallen 30% in a decade, with fierce next-day delivery competition. Although the Postal Service said under the new proposal most first class mail will not be affected, Cortez argued management is already failing to meet its lowered delivery standards from 2021. He added mail never used to sit around.

"First class mail was always moving until it got to where it needed to go," Cortez recounted. "That's just what everybody understood about the service that we're required to provide to the American people."

# SAIL program scheduled at VMCC on Fridays



Did you know... Community newspaper readers share papers with up to 5 other people?

In addition to the regular Tuesday gatherings from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Vida McKenzie Community Center's Senior Center is adding a new program on Fridays from 10 to 11:30 a.m., starting on January 10th. The new program is called SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life,) a nationwide exercise program for

older adults. Research has shown that when targeted exercises are performed regularly, strength and balance increase, quality of life is improved, and the incidence of falls (a major health problem among older adults) is reduced.

Through a grant from the Roundhouse Foundation, Nancy Ashley

was trained as a SAIL instructor, and weights were purchased for program participants to use.

People can make improved strength and balance a goal for 2025. Slip into comfortable clothing, step into your sneakers, and join Nancy each Friday at VMCC (90377 Thomson Lane, Vida) for SAIL.

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# Trail Blazers' fate

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The Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills as it appeared in 2007.

the phone.

No dice. Nobody seemed to have the lettuce. So close, and yet ....

But just as Glickman was thinking Portland's bid was as good as dead, plucked, and roasted fork-tender, the phone rang again. Suddenly everything was changed. The IPO was now a no-go — big fish with deep pockets had stepped up. New Jersey real estate developer Bob Schmertz had jumped aboard along with Seattle businessman Herman Sarkowsky, and they wanted to finance the franchise privately in partnership with Beverly Hills real estate developer Larry Weinberg. And they had \$750,000 ready to go.

"I went back to the room and said, 'Hey guys, time out, there's a new deal,'" Glickman recalled later, in his memoir. "I explained that we were now going to have a privately financed company."

The committee members were no doubt relieved to hear this. Pollin told Glickman to get a letter of credit ready and present the whole thing to a meeting of all the league's owners, scheduled for noon the following day.

Glickman got on the phone to Sarkowsky, who told him he'd have his banker in Tacoma get in touch the next morning.

Glickman can't have felt too comfortable with this — bankers didn't start work until 10 a.m., which would give him very little time to get the documentation he needed and get back to the Bev for that noon deadline.

So the next morning, at 10 a.m. on the dot, he called the bank. He was referred to a banker named Hugh Darling at the bank's sister institution in Los Angeles.

"I called Darling," Glickman said. "He had never heard of me, Sarkowsky, the NBA or anything. He called Tacoma, called me back and said yes, he would handle my problem."

So at a few minutes after 10 a.m., Glickman was on his way to downtown L.A. to pick up the letter.

He got lost on the way. By the time Glickman found his way to the bank branch, it was already 11:15 — and it was a half-hour drive back to the hotel, even if he didn't get lost again. He raced into the bank and found Darling yelling into the telephone, having a heated discussion with someone.

"He waved me to a chair

where I sat biting my nails for about 10 minutes," Glickman recalled. "When he finished, he started asking me questions about Portland and the NBA."

Without being too offensive, Glickman managed to redirect Darling's attention back to the letter, which was just on the verge of being too late. Darling dictated the letter to his secretary, who brought it over for him to sign. Alas, there was a typo on it. He told her to take it away and retype it.

"I said, 'Don't bother with that, just initial it and give me the damn letter,'" Glickman said. "Which he did."

Racing to the parking lot, Glickman leaped into his car and started running every red light and blowing through every stop sign between downtown L.A. and the Beverly Wilshire.

When he got there, it was 12:05 p.m. And when he burst into the room, he found that Pollin — the Baltimore Bullets owner — was in the bathroom.

Pollin "told me he had been worried about my lateness so had asked for a recess while he went to the john," Glickman said. "He remained there until I arrived with my letter."

The NBA representatives took the information and told Glickman to come back at 3 p.m. When he did, he was told that, congratulations — Portland was now officially an NBA city.

The rest of the story of the Portland Trail Blazers — including how they got their name, which is arguably the best team name in professional sports, and their progress from nothing to the NBA World Championship in 1977 — is a story for another day.

(Sources: Promoter Ain't a Dirty Word, a book by Harry Glickman published in 1978 by Timber Press; "Give Me the Damn Letter," an article published in Citadel of the Spirit, a sesquicentennial anthology (editor: Matt Love) published in 2009 by Nestucca Spit Press.)

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## SHELFNOTES FROM LEABURG LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2024

When I was a little girl growing up in New York, my older brother and I could hardly wait for Christmas to arrive. It seemed as though it took forever to get there, especially the last few days.

There were special holiday traditions in my family that took place like clockwork every year. Looking back, I realize that they were like a huge security blanket that wrapped us all in tinsel, music, candlelight, and love.

There was so much to be done to get ready because back then, the actual Christmas season did not begin until after - yes, AFTER - Thanksgiving. There were parties at school; bazaars to scour for unique gifts; presents to order from the Miles Kimble catalogue; special food to purchase; gift wrap and ribbon to buy; big boxes of decorations to haul out from the attic; lights to string around the front door, and possibly around the little pine tree in the front yard; Christmas cookies and coffee rings to bake. Then, of course, the annual trek into the woods to find the perfect tree. Decorating the tree was a family affair, with some of us wearing more tinsel than the tree. My job was to arrange the tiny figures in our nativity set that my grandfather had made many years prior.

And finally, our stockings were unpacked and rolled out on the floor. These were quite unusual — different from what our friends had. Ours were two long, old, plain grey, knitted stockings that had once belonged to our great-grandmother, Geegee. They looked as though they couldn't hold anything inside them, however, they were remarkably stretchy, and we loved them! On Christmas Eve, mom and dad strung rope along the footboards of our beds, and fastened the stockings there with clothespins.

You can imagine that it was nearly impossible for us to go to sleep what with trying to keep an eye on those stockings while we waited for Santa to come.

There came a year, as there always does, when I actually

wondered whether or not there really was a Santa Claus. I wanted to still believe, but something in my mind just would not let me. So I asked my mom about that. She kissed my head, sat me down and handed me a yellow-tinged, tattered clipping from a newspaper. "Maybe this will help," she said.

It was cut from the New York Sun, and published in the editorial column on September 21, 1897. This is what it said :

Dear Editor : I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say that there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it is so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon, 115 W. 95th St.

Dear Virginia: Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your Papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see

him coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that's no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can imagine all the wonders that are unseen in the world.

There is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man who ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view the supernatural beauty and glory beyond.

Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else as real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, maybe 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of children.

Written by Francis P. Church, Editor.

Well, that made me feel a bit better, although I began to see things differently from then on. There was just enough 'Peter Pan' in me that caused me to not want to grow up, even while other forces were at work pushing me to expand my horizons and my understanding — all in a good way.

Now, as an adult, I still haul out all the decorations, including several Santa Clauses, and a lovely wooden figure of St. Nicholas. And, I made sure that my children's belief in Santa was pure until they decided for themselves what they really believed.

I guess I have to say, there remains a bit of the childhood wonder that still lives in a corner of my being. Every time I watch "Miracle On 34th Street" I smile at the end because I want to think that there really is a Santa Claus in this world. "Wherever there is love, generosity and devotion."

It would be good if more of us believed that.

You can find a copy of both "Miracle on 34th Street" and "Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus" at the library. Come see us in January.

Happy Christmas everyone.  
Marty Mealey, Director



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