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It's a good idea to have a back up plan

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Home Country

There probably is something to be said for Halloween.

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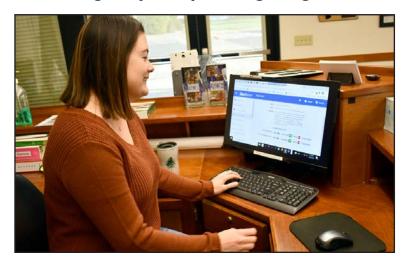
Direct Answers

I don't know if our wedding day will ever come

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Testing, testing......

Emergency Response gets good marks during a workout



At McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Leaburg station, Devon Ashbridge was able to monitor in real-time how effective the test emergency alert was.

LEABURG: What some call "That god awful sound" did its job last Saturday when an emergency alert went out to mobile phones and landlines during a test conducted by McKenzie Fire & Rescue, Lane County Emergency Management, and Central Lane 9-1-1 conducted in the McKenzie Valley area. In addition text messages were also part of the practice exercise.

Apparently, it worked, with 1,615 people responding. "Within the first hour after the test, we had more than 1,300 of those responses, According to Devon Ashbridge, Lane County's Public Information Officer.

Part of being prepared for

an emergency, officials say, is knowing how people will receive emergency alerts and life safety information. Fire Chief Darren Bucich said he was pleased with the outcome of the test and wanted to extend his thanks to those who took the time to complete the online survey following the test. "This provides valuable insight in emergency alert education moving forward.," Bucich said.

Rob Poirier, Technology and Quality Assurance Manager with Central Lane 911 agrees. "What we try to do is engagement actually getting people to sign up for emergency notifications," Poirier said. "We really want to have the confidence that we have a level of engagement with the community. We'd rather have more people know than fewer."

Checking with people who responded to ate alert, more than 1/3 of said they hadn't been aware they could register for alerts. When asked how likely they'd be to act on emergency alert instructions without delay, an average 88 out of 100 said they would.

Quite a few people also said that in the event of a real emergency, they'd like to how to be prepared for an evacuation ahead of time, what to gather for sheltering in place, and what the different evacuation levels mean.

Chief Bucich added that the fire district encourages community members to learn more about how emergency alerts work and strategies to be better prepared in an emergency or disaster situation by going to lanecounty. org and selecting the "Emergency Preparedness" tab to be better prepared in an emergency.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue plans to continue to work with the Lane County Emergency Manager and Central Lane 9-1-1 on community outreach and education.

Poirier admits that "It's not a perfect system yet," but has continually improved over the decades. "If we can do 20% of the effort to get 80% informed, that means there are fewer people we'll have to go door-to-door to alert in an emergency"

Suspects in boat ramp robbery arrested

Handgun holdup at Hayden Landing

MARCOLA: Two armed robbery suspects were taken into custody by a Lane County Sheriff's Deputy on Saturday.

According to Sheriff's Office reports, the theft victim alerted police at 10:51 a.m. that he'd just been confronted by a man and woman at the Hayden Bridge Boat Landing. The male pointed a handgun at his head and struck him with it. The pair who committed the crime left the location in separate vehicles.

The deputy located both suspect vehicles together in Eugene at about 12:16 p.m, near the Dollar Tree store on River Road. Police said both robbery suspects were present and taken into custody without incident.

The suspects were identified



Cruz Sanchez

as 23-year-old Cruz Sanchez of Eugene and 19-year-old Priscilla Luna of Albany. Sanchez faced charges including Robbery in the 1st Degree, Menacing, Assault in the 2nd Degree, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Theft in the 2nd Degree, and Criminal Mischief in the 3rd Degree. Luna was charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree and Theft in the 2nd Degree. They were both lodged at the Lane County Jail.

Both were arraigned on Monday in Lane County Circuit Court. Sanchez's charges including Menacing, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, 2nd Degree Theft and 3rd Degree Criminal Mischief were dropped. Luna was arraigned on both initial charges.



Priscilla Luna

Build Back Better could support Oregon families

By Eric Tegethoff Oregon News Service Supporters of the Build Back Better Act are touting the benefits it will bring to families in Oregon and across the country.

A number of provisions in the legislation would directly help families, such as extending the Child Tax Credit. The credit went into effect during the last round of pandemic aid from Congress, providing cash directly to families monthly.

Loren Naldoza, legislative and communications manager for Neighborhood Partnerships, a housing and economic policy organization in Oregon, said the child tax credit would be hugely beneficial to Oregon families.

"That money goes directly to putting food on the table," Naldoza outlined. "Taking care of your children, paying for things that you would have to decide to put on the back burner; important things like your electricity bill this month."

Nearly 720,000 Oregon children received the child tax credit in October. The Build Back Better Act is receiving pushback because of its cost. The House could vote on the legislation as soon as this

Build Back Better - Page 8



Aisyaquilumar/Adobe Socck The Build Back Better Act could add 3,000 rental vouchers to Oregon, housing up to 8,000 people.

Changes on 10 million acres of private forests Agreement was designed to protect fish and wildlife

After nearly ten months of negotiations, a last-minute agreement last weekend between conservationists and owners of private forest will significantly change Oregon's 1971 Forest Practices Act and add new protections for sensitive fish and wildlife species on over 10 million acres of private forest land in the state.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announced an agreement Sunday, Oct. 31, that she had brokered between private forestry representatives, small forestland owners, conservation leaders, and fishing organizations. The proposal, according to a state news release, also seeks to meet the federal standards for a statewide Habitat Conservation Plan.

"Today's historic agreement is a perfect example of the Oregon Way—coming together at the table to find common ground, to

the mutual benefit of us all," said Governor Brown. "Together, this agreement will help to ensure that Oregon continues to have healthy forests, fish, and wildlife, as well as economic growth for our forest industry and rural communities, for generations to come. I would like to thank everyone involved for their role in making this agreement a reality today."

In February 2020, Brown convinced parties of dueling ballot measures to abandon what she called a "costly and divisive ballot initiative fight" in exchange for legislation supporting collaboratively-developed changes to forest practices.

One of those ballot measures sought to keep the regulation of forest and timber practices on all state and privately owned lands in the hands of professional foresters, scientists, and the Oregon Board of Forestry. It would have added four new members to the Board representing those interests, and it would have amended Oregon's constitution to the state to compensate landowners if state actions reduce property values.

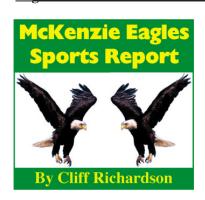
The other ballot measure would have prohibited aerial spraying of pesticides on forest clear cuts within 500 feet of streams and reduced logging operations near bodies of water.

Called the Private Forest Accord, the collaboration led to bipartisan legislation that passed with overwhelming majorities in June 2020 (SB1602). That legislation codified the agreement, funded the negotiating process now just completed and enacted a set of significant reforms to the Forest Practices Act.

Among the new laws are:

10 million acres - Page 2

Page 2 McKenzie River Reflections Thursday, November 25, 2021



McKenzie Sports Schedule This Week

There are no McKenzie Athletic events scheduled this week.

Remember Again

Do you recall the Fall of 1991? Maybe you tagged a nice buck or hooked and boated a fat salmon. Perhaps the vibrant autumn colors bordered your photo of the Three Sisters on a brisk early morning hike. Fall season in the McKenzie Valley always offers opportunities for memorable moments.

The Fall, thirty years back, was one to remember for McKenzie High. The Eagle Boys Cross Country team coached by Head Coach Jeff Sherman ran away with their District Title, Eagle runners taking first, second, fourth, and seventh places. A week later, McKenzie finished fourth in the team standings at the OSAA State 2A Cross Country Championships.

Senior Robert Arnold, who finished the course in twentieth place, led the Eagles. Senior teammate Jerry Hedstrom crossed the finish line right on Arnold's

heels in twenty-second place. Junior Matt Stauber was the third Eagle in at thirty-fourth and junior Jeremy Dundon took thirty-sixth. Jim Hedstrom, the senior twin of Jerry, joined his teammates at the finish with a forty-fifth placemark and senior Erich Dobroth wrapped up his tour of the course with a seventy-fifth place finish.

The McKenzie Football team finished its Fall campaign with an eighth-place standing in the Class 2A Trico League. The Eagles, coached by Head Coach Wade Thomas and Assistant Coaches Galen Scrivner and Alan Mosher, posted a 3-5 League record and were 3-6 overall. Senior Quarterback Eric Coduti was selected as an Alternate for the 1991 East-West Class 3A-2A Shrine All-Star Game. McKenzie Eagles Varsity Volleyball completed a "learning season" with a 1-11 Trico League record. Sophomore Whitney Whitson was selected by Trico League coaches to the Trico League Honorable Mention All-League Team. Head Coach Donna Rae and Assistant Coach Diane Terpening coached the Eagles.

Looking back further yet, there might be a few of you out there who will recall the Fall of 1981. McKenzie High Boys Cross Country represented the School and River Community well at the Trico League District Meet. Mickey Sullivan finished fourth at District, teammate John Martin

crossed the finish line in the fourteenth and Shannon Whitson ran to a seventeenth place finish. Sullivan's District fourth qualified him for the OSAA State Cross Country Championship Meet, where he placed thirty-first.

The Eagle Football team, playing in the Trico League, finished the regular season with a 7-2 record, second to Trico Champion Oakridge. McKenzie, the Trico second seed to State and coached by Head Coach Wade Thomas, traveled North to St. Paul for an OSAA State Class 2A First Round Championship game.

On a blustery night featuring high winds and heavy rain, the Eagles and the Buckaroos slugged it out. St. Paul would escape with a 7-6 win that frustrated the visiting Eagles. Neither team could find the end zone in the first-quarter ending in a 0-0 tie. St. Paul scored the game's first touchdown on a 3 yard run in the second quarter. The Buckaroos missed another scoring opportunity just before halftime, but a delay of game penalty set them back and they had to settle for a 7-0-halftime lead.

McKenzie's first score came in the third quarter when Eagle running back Wayne Brown punched a 15-yard scamper into pay dirt. The conversion failed, however, when the Eagle's kicker, Rick Zook, missed wide. Still, McKenzie's defense held St. Paul to no points in the third quarter.

Brown, the leading Eagle



running back, was the target of the Buckaroo defense, and the latter did a fine job of limiting the McKenzie speedster to just 37 hard-fought yards on 11 carries. Rick Zook, the Eagle fullback, however, carried his own 11 carries for 68 yards. But on this wicked weather night, St. Paul would outrush McKenzie 170-89. With neither team able to score on the ground other than their initial TDs, each team tried to go air attack. The high winds however blew that strategy straight out the window and into the next county. McKenzie successfully passed for 39 yards and St. Paul was incomplete on 2 attempts.

Fourth-quarter the Eagles missed two golden opportunities to take the lead (and win) but failed on costly mistakes. The first, early in the fourth, came

as the Eagles were driving down the sloppy field inside the Red Zone and threatening to score, but fumbled the ball away.

The second opportunity was a bitter pill to swallow. McKenzie's final drive, found the Eagles, once again, knocking on the door to score. In fact, the team, with just 40 seconds left in the game, found the end zone on a completed pass play, only to have it called back on an illegal motion penalty, thus wiping out the winning touchdown. St. Paul's defense stood the test the rest of the way, sealing the victory for the Buckaroos.

The McKenzie Varsity Volleyball team wrapped up a very successful season by finishing third in the East Division of the Trico League posting a 6-4 record.

10 million acres

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* Increased notification for Oregon residents, including real-time alerts, during pesticide spraying on forestlands;

- * Pesticide spraying would be prohibited:
- Within 300 feet of schools and homes;
- Within 300 feet of all drinking water sources;
- Within at least 50 feet of all salmon streams and upstream waterways
- * Expanded forested buffers along salmon, steelhead and bull trout streams in the Rogue-Siskiyou region of Southwest Oregon.

*An agreement to work on a forest practices reform package that will form the basis for a federally approved plan to protect salmon and other aquatic species in Oregon known as a Habitat Conservation Plan. The new framework for forest practices rulemaking in Oregon will seek to decrease risk to endangered species and water quality, allow for adaptive management on forestlands, and include special provisions for small landowners.

This collaborative group then began a series of meetings Jan. 12, 2021, in which they discussed proposed changes to Oregon's forest practices that, after being incorporated by the Legislature into law, would also achieve a statewide Habitat Conservation Plan

from NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for threatened and endangered species. Still, the HCP will require a rulemaking process overseen by the Oregon Board of Forestry that could take up to a year. The state says the HCP will provide more regulatory certainty for landowners and long-term conservation benefits to wildlife species. For example, it would allow logging to continue while minimizing damage to wildlife habitat.

The group worked until 1 a.m. Saturday to formalize the agreement that changes the Forest Practices Act. It still must be approved by the Oregon Legislature, which will next meet in January. They agreed on a framework for:

- Riparian buffers for streams,
 rivers, and bodies of water;
- Steep slopes protection to minimize erosion and protect habitat;
- An approach moving forward to improve forest roads; and
- A path forward to make adjustments and adaptation to forest practices in the future.

"This is truly an exciting time to be a part of the Oregon forest sector," said David Bechtold, representative of the coalition of forest companies. "We're extremely proud to have started a process for more constructive engagement on forest policy issues. This is a new era that will produce the best out-

comes for Oregon's private forests and the communities that depend on them to provide clean water, recreation, renewable wood products and year-round, family-wage jobs."

Timber sector representatives are Adrian Miller (Rayonier), Diane Meyers (Weyerhaeuser), Cameron Krauss (Seneca Sawmill Company), Heath Curtiss (Hampton Lumber), Eric Gever (Roseburg Forest Products), and Jim James (Oregon Small Woodlands Association). James had sponsored the ballot measure in 2019 that was opposed by conservationists. Also joining in the agreement are Hancock Natural Resource Group, Lone Rock Resources, Greenwood Resources, Campbell Global, Starker Forests, and Port Blakely.

Bob Van Dyk, Oregon Policy Director at Wild Salmon Center said, "We are thrilled to join the Governor and timber industry counterparts on a new path for Oregon's forests and for our organizations. The measures announced today provide significant new protections for our fisheries, for cold clean water, and for the people who rely on these resources."

"Given the increasingly damaging effects of climate change, the strategies we agreed on are even more urgent," Van Dyk continued in an online blog.

"It will be no surprise that this was a difficult process for everyone. We all had to stretch. We all made painful compromises. No one got everything they wanted. We deeply appreciate the hard work and commitment of our industry counterparts and the Governor and her facilitation team.

"We look forward to building on the new, collaborative spirit of this agreement to pass it into law in the short term and to implement the agreement in the years ahead."

The conservation and fishing representatives are Bob Van Dyk (Wild Salmon Center), Sean Stevens (Oregon Wild), Chrysten Lambert (Trout Unlimited), Bob Sallinger (Portland Audubon), Joseph Vaile (Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center), and Dr. Kelly Burnett (Aquatic Scientist). Also joining in the agreement

are the Beyond Toxics, Cascadia Wildlands, Northwest Guides and Anglers, the Oregon League of Conservation Voters, the Oregon Stream Protection Coalition, The Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, Rogue Riverkeeper, and Umpqua Watersheds.

Oregon says its Forest Practices Act (1971) recognizes the contributions forests make to Oregon by providing jobs, a tax base and other social and economic benefits. The Act establishes public policy aimed at maintaining productive forests, as well as soil, air and water resources, and providing habitat for wildlife, including aquatic species. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency accepted the Act as meeting the requirements of Sec. 208 of the federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

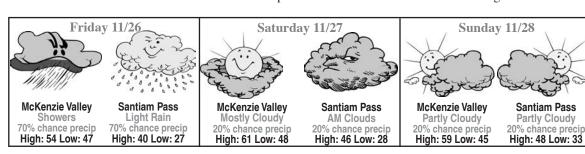


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Sheriff's Report

Nov. 15: 12:02 p.m: Theft -49700 block, McK. Hwy. Caller reported that someone stole vehicle parts from the caller's property.

5:02 p.m: Threat, Harassment - 38400 blk, Wendling Rd. Caller reported on going issues with a cousin sending threatening text

Nov. 16: 1:00 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 38000 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

10:06 a.m: Assist, Follow Up - 39100 blk, Woods Rd.

2:08 p.m: Assist, Follow Up -51100 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:16 p.m: Assist, Follow Up -45600 blk, N Gate Creek Rd.

7:39 p.m: Theft - 49700 blk, McK. Hwy.

Nov. 17: 3:09 a.m: Medical Info Call - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

9:53 a.m: Tree Down - 42700 blk, McK. Hwy.

11:34 a.m: Foot Patrol - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

3:52 p.m: Dead Animal - 38700 blk, Natures Garden St.

4:42 p.m: Citizen Contact -

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55800 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:51 p.m: Warrant Service -54700 blk, McK. River Dr.

7:32 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd. Caller reported seeing flashlights on at a nearby house that no one should be at. The involved are believed to have departed in a sedan.

Nov. 18: 12:16 p.m: Theft -39400 blk, Walterville Ln. Caller reports that undisclosed property was stolen by a guest that stayed at the location.

2:27 p.m: Citizen Contact -91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

2:42 p.m: Assist, Follow Up -92100 blk, Saunders Rd.

6:06 p.m: Violation of Restraining Order - 44900 blk, Leaburg Dam Rd.

Nov. 19: 5:16 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 40300 blk, Tonga Ln.

11:03 a.m: Reckless Driving -38800 blk, McK. Hwy.

11:10 a.m: Reckless Driving -38800 blk, McK. Hwy.

12:17 p.m: Dead Animal -Marcola Rd. & Saunders Rd.

1:06 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle -McK. Hwy. & Thomson Ln.

1:29 p.m: Medical Info Call -40200 blk, Mohawk River Rd.

1:43 p.m: Citizen Contact -91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

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race a "Major Disaster"

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11:44 p.m: Weapon, Shots Fired

- Cedar Flat Rd. & June Ln.

Nov. 20: 5:16 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 40300 blk, Tonga Ln.

10:51 a.m: Robbery - 3900 blk, Hayden Bridge Rd. Armed robbery suspects taken into custody.

1:54 p.m: Dog At Large – Booth Kelly Rd. & Grand View Dr.

3:50 p.m: Traffic Hazard McK. Hwy. MP 31.

4:15 p.m: Citizen Contact -47900 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:16 p.m: Open Gate - Gale Creek Rd. & Goodpasture Rd.

4:46 p.m: Citizen Contact -91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

5:43 p.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 37000 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

9:04 p.m: Open Gate – Buck

10:20 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle -Dollar Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd. **Nov. 21: 2:38 p.m:** Weapon

Offense - McGowan Mp. 6. 7:33 p.m: Disabled Vehicle -

Marcola Rd. Mp. 3. Nov. 22: 2:09 a.m: Narcotics, Drug Overdose - 54700 blk, McK.

Hwy. 4:58 a.m: Injured Animal -Marcola Rd. & Shotgun Creek

11:30 a.m: Citizen Contact -2/2021 11:30:21 a.m:

12:01 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - Deerhorn Rd. & Bridge St.

1:25 p.m: Bike Accident -Marcola Mp. 3.

1:31 p.m: Theft of Mail - 35800

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2:28 p.m: Theft of License Plate - 91100 blk, Donna Rd.

2:50 p.m: Assist, Follow Up -51100 blk, McK. Hwy.

3:35 p.m: Assist, Follow Up Lookout Camp.

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

State Police Report

Nov. 20: 19:54: Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Controlled Substance – Hwy. 126E, Milepost 14. Responded to a single vehicle, non-blocking, and injury crash. The driver showed several signs of impairment and was ultimately arrested. She provided a breath sample of 0.00%, and consented to an evaluation. She was issued a criminal citation for DUII - CS and a violation citation for Driving While Suspended -Violation. The vehicle was towed. Involved: silver/aluminum Ford Expedition, 47-year-old female from Springfield.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Nov. 15: 11:37: 88000 block, Heather Dr. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, Refusal

Nov. 17: 3:07: 8600 block, Thurston Rd. Medical, Heart.

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9:34: 42000 block, McK. Hwy. Spc. 2 Public Assist. Down tree limb, no infrastructure damage.

Nov. 18: 11:25: 90000 block, Greenwood Dr. Public Assist. Investigate Electrical Fire, Fire out upon arrival.

Nov. 19: 6:25: 88000 block, Ermi Bee Rd. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

8:51: 38000 block, Indian Ford Rd. Medical. Confirmed Deceased.

Nov. 20: 5:13: 40000 block, Tonga Ln. MVA. False Alarm.

17:42: 37000 block, Camp Creek Rd. MVA, Non-Injury. Cancelled by volunteer related to

19:52: 40000 block, McK. Hwy. MVA, Non-Injury. Controlled Traffic for OSP.

Nov. 21: 14:04: 42000 block,

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Nov. 22: 02:03: Medical -54000 block, McK. Hwy. Male, Not Conscious, Breathing.

13:02: Medical – 9000 blk, Taylor Rd. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

Nov. 23: 06:23: Medical - 91000 blk. Horse Creek Rd. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 15th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.



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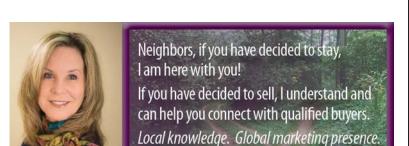
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In the First World War, Allies flew planes made of Oregon spruce

The last year of the First World War saw an explosion in Allied aircraft. The forces of Imperial Germany put up the best fight

By Finn J.D. John

they could, and fielded probably the best aircraft of the war — the Fokker D.VII, which famously could hang on its propeller — but the few they managed to make were overwhelmed by swarms of the latest SPADs, Nieuports and DeHavilands, which were close to equal quality and far more numerous.

The fact is, after Oregon got involved in the war, the German air force didn't have a chance.

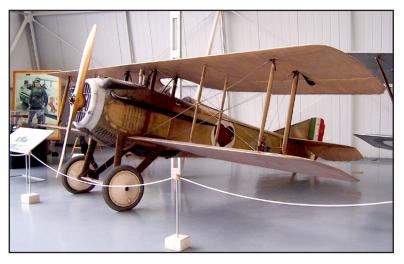
At least one out of every three Allied fighter planes built during 1918 was made with primarily Oregon spruce — spruce that just months before had been growing in the hills of Lincoln County, probably close by Yaquina Bay.

The wonder wood

When airplanes were first created, they were essentially giant box kites with crude gasoline engines on board, made with wood and fabric. As with any kite, weight was a big issue, so the wood used in these early machines had to be strong and light.

After experimenting with lots of different types, early aviators quickly figured out there was one type of wood that was head and shoulders above the rest: Old-growth spruce. And of all the different types of spruces, the variety known as Sitka spruce was among the very best.

It was certainly the biggest. Sitka spruce trees can get over 200 feet tall, with trunks over 10 feet in diameter. One 500-year-



Martin Bergner

The Spad C.VII flown by Italian pilot Ernesto Cabruna, on display at the Museo Storico dell'Aeronautica Militare in Vigna di Valle, Italy. This aircraft almost certainly contained at least some Oregon spruce.

old Sitka spruce tree can provide enough straight, clear spruce to build about 150 Nieuport 28s. The wood is extremely rigid and lightweight. Furthermore, as it turned out, it wouldn't shatter when hit with a rifle bullet.

By the time the war had broken out in Europe, the belligerents all knew what to make airplanes out of. Germany, with access to plenty of Norway spruce in its northern reaches, was in the best shape. Not much spruce grows in France, and even less is found in Britain.

But the Allies, as it turns out, had a secret weapon ... the central coast of Oregon.

The mighty Sitka spruce Sitka spruce grows all along

the West Coast of North America, from northern California all the way up to — well, Sitka, Alaska. But the biggest, thickest stands of the most massive Sitka spruces were found in Washington's Clallum County, and Oregon's Lincoln County. They still are.

As soon as the war broke out, prices for clear spruce started shooting up. British and French buyers were lined up to snap up as much of the golden wood as they could get their hands on, to be slipped across the sea in convoys past German U-boats and turned into airplanes: spindly British B.E. 2 deathtraps and Bristol Scouts, and agile French Nieuport 11s. Even before the war broke out, a hefty percentage of Allied aircraft could trace their origins back to a deep forest somewhere near the central Oregon coast.

There was always far more demand than supply, though, and spruce production was not rising very quickly in response. So when the U.S. stepped into the conflict, the government decided it was

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time to make a more serious effort to get the wood out.

The War Department sent Col. Brice Disque into the timber country, with an eye to seeing how production might be boosted, and he soon learned that mill owners were locked in a struggle with the Industrial Workers of the World union. After talking the situation over with everyone involved, Disque concluded that nothing would change unless the Army

An army of loggers, literally

So it did. The War Department promptly formed the Aircraft Board, Production immediately got busy acquiring as much spruce-bearing timberland as it possibly could. Then a detachment of soldiers was issued crosscut saws and deployed to the forests east of Newport.

This intervention was resented by almost everyone in the field the mill owners feeling like they'd been robbed, the union feeling their strike had been broken. But, as Disque frequently pointed out, there was a war on, and everyone just had to suck it up. And so, with few exceptions, they did.

Soon the soldier-loggers and other crews were sending rail car after rail car back northeast, loaded with spruce logs. The logs were processed at a massive sawmill in Vancouver, Wash., and sent off to aircraft factories from there.

But it made a lot more sense to have the sawmill where the trees were, so they could be handled less. And so the government started looking around for suitable places to build a massive sawmill.

> Toledo becomes spruce capital of the world

The Coast Range town of Toledo turned out to be perfect. Toledo sits on the Yaquina River, just inland from the sea, close to the upstream limit of the estuary. In 1917 it was a small timber town with several hundred people, most of whom worked at one of the three sawmills on its outskirts.

Toledo is situated on a wide bend in the Yaquina River, and there's a broad, low 60-acre island of reclaimed tidal flats in the middle of it. It was on this island that the War Department decided to build its mega-mill.

Soon soldiers and laborers were hard at work on a massive, stateof-the-art sawmill, a million-dollar mill. But before they could finish, the Germans surprised everyone by abruptly losing the war.

Now what?

That put the brakes on the sawmill project fast. After the end of hostilities, Americans were in no mood to continue spending money building warplanes that they

Oregon spruce - Page 8



By Slim Randles

"It's a danged shame 'bout Thanksgivin'," Windy Wilson said. The others stopped stirring things into their coffee cups and looked at the aging cowboy and camp cook.

Windy glanced at the semi-circle of puzzled faces there in the Mule Barn coffee shop. "You know what I mean ... 'stead of people we achully know, we gotta spend it with folks we haven't seen since the end of Dubya-Dubya Two."

"You mean family?"

"Shore do, Doc. Now jest think for a minute and 15 seconds here, okay? Now with Halloween, which is my favorite holiday, you get to say hi to a mess-a little kids and give 'em a candy and then they're gone. You get tired of it or the candy bowl gits on down where you can see the bottom of 'er ... you jest turn out the porch light."

"But Windy," said Doc, "Thanksgiving is a family time. Aunts and uncles and grandparents and brothers and sisters and lots of little ones running around. It's a time when we see where we belong."

"It's the dang things we don't say that really cripple the pig on this 'un, you know." Windy grinned. "Stuff like 'Aunt Marge, you don't sweat near as much as other fat women.' And 'Uncle Bill, did them dang cops ever give you your driving license back?'

"And 'Susan, I hear tell you done okay in that there queenie contest. Did you have to talk or anything like that?"

There probably is something to be said for Halloween.

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McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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Quote of the Week

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Arborvitae stands tall as easy-care hedge

For a hedge, arborvitae has a place. It's tall, skinny, evergreen, low maintenance and cheap.

"Some people look down on arborvitae, but it fits in places that other things can't," said Neil Bell, a retired horticulturist for Oregon State University Extension Service. "And it's about as low maintenance a plant as anything you can buy, if it's sited correctly."

When finding a location for arborvitae in the garden, Bell recommends full sun and well-drained soil.

"They can take some afternoon shade," Bell said. "But when I say afternoon shade, I mean after 3. The more sun, the better. Otherwise, the foliage will suffer."

Arborvitae also need well-drained soil. If you have boggy soil, they won't survive. Bell strongly suggests dealing with drainage problems before planting your arborvitae. Sometimes digging in organic material will do the trick, but for serious situations it may be necessary to install drainage tiles.

"You've got to have good drainage," he said. "If there's standing water, it's one of the few instances that they will not thrive."

The flip side of that is the damage incurred during increasingly hot and dry summers. Bell points to how some arborvitaes exhibited signs of dieback during the recent drought. Though many people think trees don't need to be watered, it's essential to give them a good soaking every two to three weeks during dry periods to be on the safe side.

"Even if plants are established, they need water," he said. "Even though they don't wilt or show signs right away, you'll see damage in fall. They'll turn brown. You might be able to prune and remove the damaged tissue and then give it summer water the next summer. It may possibly recover."

What you shouldn't do is prune the tree back to bare stems. Unlike laurel hedges that like to be cut back with abandon, arborvitae won't produce new growth if pruned hard. They do, however, respond well to light pruning any time of year, if necessary, to keep them shaped.

"If they are well sited, planted properly and in enough sunlight, they will form a natural vertical green fence by themselves," Bell

The most commonly found arborvitae (Thuja occidentalis) in the Northwest is 'Emerald Green,' also known as 'Smaragd, which gets about 15 feet tall by 4 feet wide. When shopping, look for healthy plants that are relatively the same size. You'll find them in containers or balled and burlapped.

Plant arborvitae like any other tree, a process that has changed over the years. Dig a hole that's twice as wide as the root ball and just deep enough so that the top sits 1 to 2 inches above ground. A good resource for complete instructions is Selecting, Planting, and Caring for a New Tree by OSU Extension. Space trees 3 to 4 feet apart.

Some cultivars of arborvitae will turn a washed-out brown in winter, though the most ubiquitous 'Emerald Green' doesn't have that characteristic. In those instances, all the foliage will brown up. Drought stress, on the other hand, will show up intermittently on individual trees and may not show up in every tree in the hedge.

Arborvitae are sturdy plants and have very few pest problems. The exception is mites, but even those are very uncommon, according to Bell. A grayish cast to the foliage is an indication there are mites on your tree.

What's more common is deer munching on them. "If they find

an arborvitae hedge, they'll help themselves to it," he said. "You see it more in eastern Oregon; in western Oregon there's more for them to eat so they don't do as much damage – but they will reshape the plant for you."

The deer feed from the bottom 4 to 5 feet and some people don't mind. It depends on what you're willing to tolerate. You can try repellents, but there's no scientific evidence that they work and they need to be reapplied often. The alternative is a fence – either around your entire yard or around the hedge.

If you get snow in winter, it's a good idea to tie up the top of your arborvitaes or they could split.

"Freezing rain is worse than snow," Bell said. "It tends to peel them apart and once the limbs are bent over they will stay bent over."

If you have an arborvitae in decline, be sure to determine why it died before replacing it and then buy the largest plant you can find so it catches up to it neighbors as quickly as possible. For help figuring out the problem, contact the OSU Extension Master Gardeners in your county.

The bottom line, Bell said, is to plant arborvitaes in full sun with good drainage and they should perform well for many years.

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Country Kitchen By Mary Emma Allen

SNOWMEN TIME AGAIN

With a light dusting of snow recently, children became excited about sledding, skiing, skating... and building snowmen. They also like to draw pictures of them, I discovered, when I've taught art classes in winter.

When I was a child, my brothers, sister, friends and I seemed to make snowmen every time the snow would stick together in large balls. We'd roll them across the yard, then pile them one on another, decorating as we went. Snowmen and snow families were a natural part of the winter scene in areas where snow fell.

Snowmen in History

Snowmen have been around for centuries; it seems, with even Michelangelo, in 1494, supposedly building one. Actually it was a snowman sculpture commissioned by the ruler of Florence, Italy.

In 1511, the people of Brussels made snowman sculptures all over the city. Many of these figures represented various topics... politics, social and religious.

More Modern Snowmen

Records have been kept of modern snowmen with one set in 2008 in Bethel, Maine. It was a 122 foot, 1 inch snow-woman. The builders named it for Senator

Olympia Snowe, who represented the state at that time.

One of the heaviest snowmen recorded also was from Maine, built in 1999. It supposedly weighed more than 9,000,000 pounds.

Winter Recipes

Dogs in Blankets - a very simple recipe that children enjoy. My mom used to make this for us. Using a can of refrigerated biscuits or croissants, roll each flat. Then wrap around a hot dog.

Bake on a cookie sheet at 400 degrees F. for 10-12 minutes.

(Since refrigerated canned biscuits didn't exist when I was a child, Mother stirred up her own biscuit dough for the "blanket.")

Baked Chicken -

an easy dish to make

Place 6 to 8 pieces of chicken in a greased baking dish. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Then add 1 sliced onion. Pour over this 2 cups Italian salad dressing.

Bake at 350 degrees F. for an hour or until the chicken tests done.

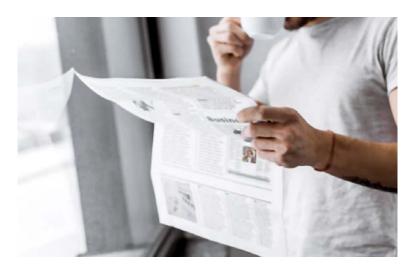
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Free firewood program



The Pure Water Partners (PWP) program is starting a free firewood program for people in the McKenzie River Valley affected by the Holiday Farm Fire using the wood collected from hazard tree and fuels work on private properties participating in the PWP program. We recognize that many McKenzie River residents lost outbuildings, woodsheds, firewood, and equipment, and do not have the capacity to gather firewood at this time. We will be having our contractors haul nonmerchantable logs to Suulutaaq's Vida yard where we will have them bucked into 16" rounds and split. The firewood can be picked up by residents in need or delivered to those homes with residents who are elderly or unable to pick up the wood themselves. In cases where it is needed, we will have

volunteers stack and tarp firewood after it is delivered. Residents in need of firewood can reach out to us directly, get referred to us by their disaster recovery caseworker, or get connected through local organizations like McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals, the McKenzie Valley Long-Term Recovery Group and Cascade Relief Team. Landowners who need help with forest fire fuels reduction work and have log decks they need to have hauled away can reach out to the PWP and sign up for a property assessment on our website.

For more information about the PWP firewood program, contact Lara Colley at lara@mckenziewc.

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Community Notes

Nov. 27 A Dime At A Time

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Leaburg Store, 42840 McKenzie Hwy. Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting -Saturday morning sorting sessions every Saturday. Donations can be dropped off at the Leaburg Store. 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.

Nov. 29 - Springfield School **Board Meeting**

7:00pm - 8:30pm. The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (except July). Regular business meetings begin at 7 pm on the 2nd Monday and work sessions are generally held at 4 pm on the 4th Monday of the month in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

December 4

Christmas Bazaar

On December 4th, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Annual Christmas Bazaar to benefit Vida Mc-Kenzie Community Center will be held at the Walterville Community Center, 39259 Camp Creek Road. There will be Handmade Crafts, Food, Raffle Prizes and Free Kids Activities. As a special treat, the Children's Choir from Walterville School will entertain guests at 10 a.m. Santa will arrive at 10:30.

December 4 & 5 **Holiday Boutique**

The 2nd Annual Holiday Boutique at the McKenzie Station PUB in McKenzie Bridge is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 4th & 5th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a variety of unique gifts from vendors, along with stocking stuffers.

December 5 Wine Tasting

Meadows Estate Vineyard & Winery will hold an Open Tasting including their award winning wines on Sunday, December 5th, at the Walterville Community Center, 39259 Camp Creek Road. The event, from 12:30 to 3:30 This free event from 12:30 to 3:30 will be hosted by vineyard owners Dexter and Marilyn Meadows of Dearhorn. For more information. call 626-318-4502.

December 12 **Holiday Parade**

The McKenzie Chamber of Commerce, along with the Mc-Kenzie Community Development Corporation and Locals Helping Locals are planning a Joyful car parade for the "Holiday Light Up the Valley Celebration" on Sunday, December 12th, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. People are invited to decorate their cars, property,

RV, business, truck, or camp spot. The event will include two car parades. One will start at Cedar Flat and head east. The other will travel west from McKenzie Espresso & Deli. Both will meet at the Vida Windermere Office, where there will a get together with hot chocolate and cookies.

December 15 **Upper McK Fire Board**

7 - 8:00pm. 5 Upper McKenzie Fire District Board of Directors monthly meeting. At the fire station, 6578 McKenzie Hwy, 541-822-3479

December 20

McKenzie Fire District Board 12:00pm - 1:00pm. at Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie

Hwy, in Leaburg. 541-896-3311 .Nov. 29 - Springfield School **Board Meeting**

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A week ago on Frida,y in a small step to getting us back to normal, the Walterville Grange hosted a Spaghetti Dinner. Although the turn out was small the chance to see neighbors and friends was greatly appreciated. The hot dinner and good conversations gave everyone a chance to reconnect. The Grange is wishing everyone "A Happy Winter Season."



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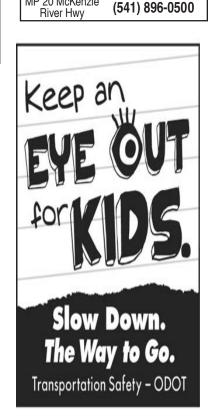
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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

Old Habits

My boyfriend of one year and I moved in together. We are both 34. I am single, and he is divorced with a 7-year-old son (split custody).

The relationship between the three of us is fine, but now I'm worried about my relationship with my boyfriend. We're having a terrible time communicating.

Since I moved into his home, my boyfriend has stopped cleaning up the way he used to. Before I moved in we discussed finances sharing responsibilities around the house. Now it's like he has completely forgotten those

If I buy groceries, he eats half of everything within two days. There are soda cans lying around our bedroom, which will continue to sit there because I am not a maid. He likes a clean towel every day, so now I have seven to wash this week.

Two days ago his truck broke down and he rented one. I usually wake up at 6 a.m., but at 5:15 he flicked on the lights. He said he wanted me to drive him to the rental agency to drop off the truck. I asked why he didn't ask the night before. He said he was too tired.

I don't mind doing favors for people, but this rude awakening got us off to a bad start. Now I'm the bad guy. He says he won't lift a finger next time I ask him for a

I have been known in the past for spoiling boyfriends, so this time around I made sure I wouldn't do it. I do my fair share, but I'm also allowing him to make his own mistakes. I think he is resentful of this. His ex-wife waited on him hand and foot. His mom does the

I feel like I'm in a constant battle with him and it's tiring. When I moved in, we discussed how we would share. Now it looks like he is reneging. Just how many more talks do I need to have with him? I thought we had settled this already!

He took me shopping for wedding rings two months ago and discussed his intentions with my parents. He introduces me to everyone as his fiancée. He told his ex-wife, who is getting remarried this year, we will be getting hitched next year.

I don't think it's an example of shacking up or "why buy the cow." Or maybe now that I'm moved in, it is. You know what? With the way he's acting, I don't know if our wedding day will ever come because I'm sick and tired already!

Yvette Yvette, your boyfriend's behavior is practically in his genes.

He was born to a woman who catered to him and showed him what to expect. He married a woman who filled the same role, at least for a while. He spotted you, a woman with a tendency to spoil boyfriends.

He can take care of himself. He was cleaning house before you moved in. Why has he stopped? Because the maid has arrived. He has done just enough to get things back to his old familiar pattern. Why should he change? He likes things this way, and it works for him. He doesn't have a problem, you do.

Why don't you have an engagement ring yet? He is waiting to see if you accept the role he has carved out for you. He is waiting to see if you accept the apron, like a horse trainer waiting to see if the horse will accept the bit. He is not going to argue with you, he will just wait to see if you fill the bill.

You've seen the future—years of arguing and struggle wasted on this issue. Before the wedding people are on their best behavior. If you accept a ring from this man, you won't just be signing a marriage license. You'll be signing a job contract.

Wayne & Tamara Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of Cheating in a Nutshell, What Infidelity Does to the Victim, available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.

American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes There is a bit of slapstick comedy in this poem of conundrums. In "Multiple Man: Guest-starring me & You", Gary Jackson knows that he is playing a game with perception-is the "you" himself or someone else-perhaps a past lover? But in the end, it does not matter, because the sense of loneliness and the hunger for companionship at the core of this poem are absolutely clear. "You left me", he says, with a hint of melodrama. But in the end, he reminds us that sometimes the perceived antidote for our need (our "dearth") can be catastrophic ("the flood").

Multiple Man: Guest-starring me & You

By Gary Jackson Every night I sleep on alternate

sides of the bed, as if to duplicate

sleeping with you. If

I'm fast enough, I'm the warmth

of my own body beside me, reach

out and touch myself. Breach the blue of my bones, breath in my own ear.

You left me. Lying here, I left you to be with me.

Someone asks if your body was worth trading for mine.

My sin was always pride. Did you want a man who sleeps

with himself to keep the bed warm? I need you like the earth

needed the flood after dearth.

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Local named Emergency Manager of the Year



Oregon Emergency Management Association in partnership with Oregon Office of Emergency Management has selected Lane County Emergency Manager Patence Winningham as Oregon's Emergency Manager of the Year!

Since joining Lane County in 2019, the resident of McKenzie Bridge has led the response to three federally declared disasters (snow storm, flood and wildfire) and numerous smaller incidents, supported the COVID emergency response, and lain the groundwork for continuously enhancing Lane County's response efforts.

In the award announcement OEM Director Andrew Phelps said "Patence is an innovator, a communicator, a problem-solver and a collaborator. She is also a tireless activist in her county for disaster preparedness, hazard mitigation, and other initiatives to reduce risk in her community."

PUBLIC NOTICE

AAA Budget Storage announces public sale at 4940 Main St. Springfield OR on December 18, 2021 at 10:00AM, of mostly household goods to satisfy delinquent accounts on the following units:

G295 Amanda M. Watkins F728 Elizabeth Riddle G216 Connie Peterson C59 Bobbie R. Steele G219 Robert L. Eilenberger III C81 Corby Guile D120 Amanda M. Powell 1417 Ola Anne Miles F705 Jimmy Chocalas G245 Michael A. Abrams C80 Jesse Young C88 Deborah A. Marshall D96 Leaha M. Leishman D116 Kimberly Erickson G230 Caleb N. Sloan G291 Brittany R. Mitchell L855 Kaitlyn M. Rabena

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Oregon spruce

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University of Oregon Special Collections U.S. Army "soldier-loggers" take a break around a massive rough-sawn

thought they'd never again need. Congress, feeling that President Wilson had been altogether too eager to get the government into businesses, pulled back sharply on the reins.

spruce timber in 1918.

So the War Department put the whole works up for sale — the mammoth almost-finished sawmill, a short railroad line, timberlands with nearly a million board feet of standing timber, everything.

A year or so later, a group of investors headed by C. Dean Johnson and his son, C. Dean Johnson II, came forward with a \$2 million offer, which has to have been the deal of the decade. By the early 1920s, the Pacific Spruce Co. was a thriving concern, with roughly 1,000 employees, and

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for ____

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Toledo was, for all practical purposes, a company town.

It was also, for many years after that, the spruce capital of the world — and the spawning grounds of some of the world's best aircraft, even well into World War II.

(Sources: Cox, Ted W. The Toledo Incident of 1925. Corvallis: Old World, 2005; Johnson, Bolling, ed. Pacific Spruce Corporation. Chicago: Lumber World Review, 1924)

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Hidden Gem

On December 5th from 12:30-3:30 at the Walterville Grange and Community Center you will have an opportunity to listen to the Henry Cooper Trio. The trio is a real gem, consisting of slide guitar, harmonica, drums, standup bass and vocals.

Henry Cooper is an important member of the northwest blues scene and seven-time recipient of the Washington Blues Society's "BB Award" for best slide guitar. The band describes its "Swampytonk" sound as a blend of backyard blues, Americana, county and swing. So stop by this free event, sample Meadows Estate wines, enjoy a few nibbles and perhaps even dance a bit. Heck, it's the holiday season!

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Build Back Better

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The bill also would ensure families pay no more than 7% of their income for child care, providing access to care for about 220,000 children up to age five in Oregon. The average annual cost of child care in Oregon is 19% of families' income.

Naldoza poitned out efforts to make housing affordable are important as well. The Build Back Better Act would invest \$208 million in Oregon through the National Housing Trust Fund.

"In terms of development, the National Housing Trust Fund is going to be extremely important," Naldoza contended. "It's the only federal source of funding for affordable housing for income levels at 0 to 30% AMI."

AMI refers to the area median income, calculating how much income a household spends on housing. More than 120,000 Or-

egon tenants are behind on rent. Nearly 300,000 Oregonians are considered rent burdened, spending more than 30% of their income on rent.



A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber (www.ricksteber.com)

November 25 - Robert Stanfield, namesake of the Eastern Oregon town of Stanfield, operated the largest sheep ranch in the United States. Stanfield was born in Umatilla County, and after graduating in 1896 from Eastern Oregon State Normal School at Weston, he took over management of his father's sheep ranch. By the mid-1920s Stanfield had parlayed his father's holdings into a sprawling ranch that encompassed three million acre of deeded ground and public grazing as well as ownership of 350,000 head of sheep. In addition to his ranch work Stanfield became involved in politics. He was well liked by his neighbors and was elected as a state representative, and later represented Oregon as a United States Senator.





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NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

of Oregon, for the current fiscal year, will be held at 42870 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, OR __. The hearing will take place

on Dec 20, 2021 at 12:00 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested

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